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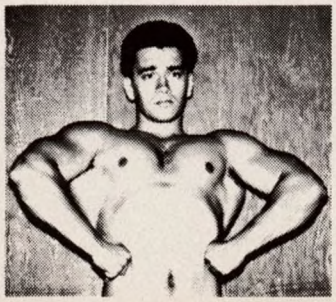

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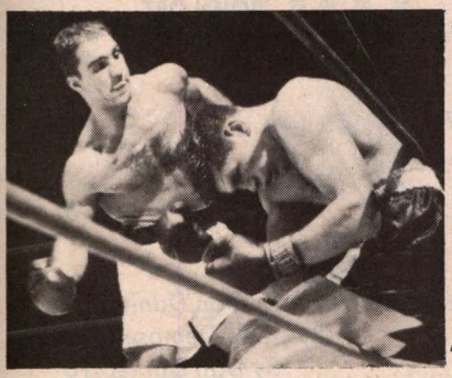

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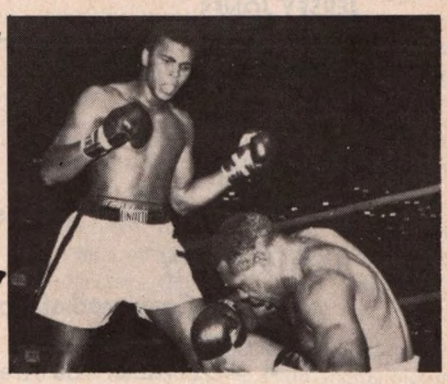

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Speaks Out !!!

FLEISCHER

LET me begin with the out-and-out statement that Joe Frazier beat Cassius Clay by 9 rounds to 6.

Let us dispose of the yammer from the Clay side that Cassius won most of the rounds.

Let us be fair to Frazier, fair to Clay, realistic in appreciation of the tremendous impact the New York fight had on world boxing, for the good and welfare of the ancient sport and as a profits weapon of the 1971 financial interests.

I want to take off my hat to Jack Kent Cooke, the Los Angeles millionaire, who made the fight possible by guaranteeing $4,500,000 of the $5,000,000 assured to Frazier and Clay.

Possibly the forced entry of a Pacific Coast tycoon into the major role, and the secondary role of the Garden made Tex Rickard roll over in his grave.

But who furnished the money, who arranged the financial details, are not important now that the fight is in the books, and its phenomena are on display.

I had picked Frazier, with his punching power, to win. But I was not prepared for the extent to which Clay had gone back in his layoff of more than three years leading up to the preparatory meetings with Jerry Quarry and Oscar Bonavena.

Clay, never a single punch threat even if he did stop Sonny Liston with one, had slowed up incredibly.

It must have been quite a shock to Clay to find his speed so impaired, his stamina reduced, his lasting vigor cut radically, his jab almost nonexistent.

With all that, take it from referee Arthur Mercante that Clay was less tired than Frazier at the end of the 15 rounds. Truly an amazing man, this Muhammad, even if he never does reach the ranks of the all-time heroes of the heavyweight division.

I was a little disappointed in Frazier. I figured that with his punching power he would stop Clay. But Cassius hit the deck only once, the third time in his professional career. He previously had been knocked down by Henry Cooper and Sonny Banks.

In time, students of boxing and dissectors of sociology will place the Frazier-Clay fight under the microscope and wonder what had happened to make it possible for fighters to collect $2,500,000 each out of a contest which produced a live gate of $1,300,000 and, with the help of closed circuit television, roll up a total of $20,000,000.

I admit that I was one of the prophets who had derided Cooke's prediction that the fight would bring in between $20,000,000 and $30,000,000.

Competent students of fistic finances had predicted a loss of about $5,000,000 for the promoters. But, despite Clay's position with regard to the courts, fight aficionados turned out in incredible numbers, for something like 92 per cent of closed circuit capacity at unprecedented prices.

It seems to me that the focal point of post-fight discussion must have to do with the 11th round.

Referee Mercante, whose exclusive remarks are to be found in this issue of The Ring, says that he did not believe that Clay had been hurt seriously.

You will remember that Clay staggered and tottered and gave a convincing picture of a fighter in serious jeopardy.

I felt that Clay had been hurt badly enough to be in danger of a knockout. But Mercante appears to believe that while Clay had been hit hard he was not in serious jeopardy.

This question will be debated for a long time. I am inclined to believe the conclusions of the third man in the ring, who was in close proximity to Clay and in the best position to judge the former champion's condition.

Mercante, an official referee of the New York Commission, would be the logical choice for the return match, which seems to be sure to go to Cooke's Forum in California.

However, the referees on the California Commission list, who are organized, would be certain to demur and deny Arthur even a temporary welcome. They did not like his being called all the way to Los Angeles to work in Ken Buchanan's fight with Ruben Navarro.

I was delighted with the way Mercante ran the Frazier-Clay fight. Neither fighter had any complaint, though Frazier did squawk because Mercante's knuckle struck him in the eye, accidentally, while Art was breaking them apart.

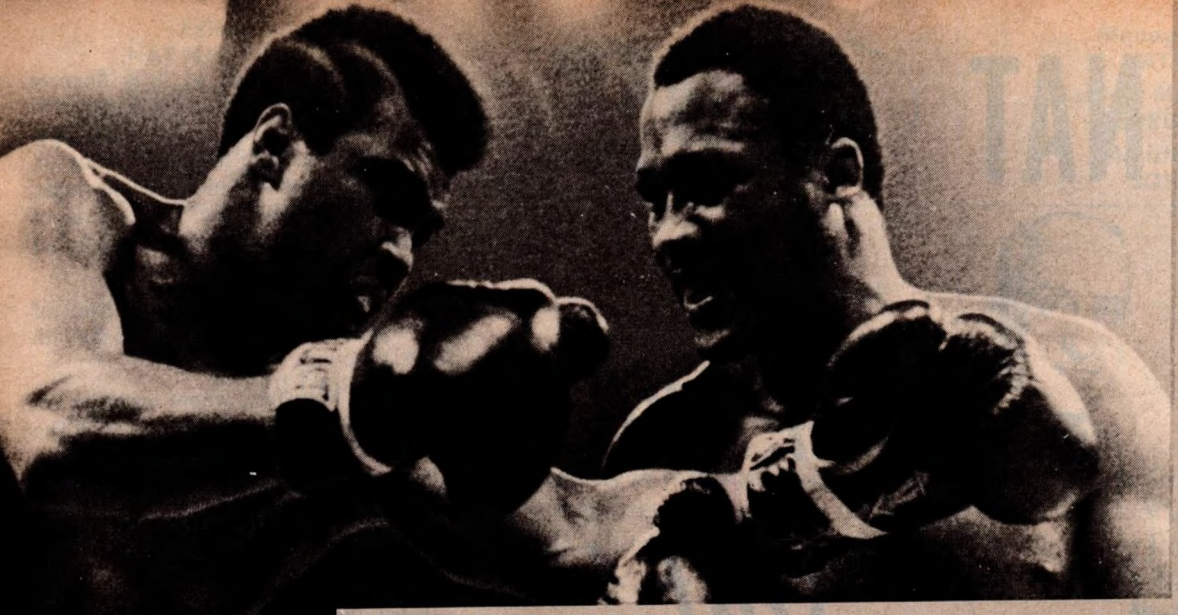
Enemies of boxing, and there are many, were routed completely by the Frazier-Clay fight.

Every development was a good one—the crowd, always well-behaved, the size of the Garden turnout and the gate of $1,300,000, the mounting excitement and thrills—they worked for the benefit of boxing.

In the days before income tax considerations, the return match would be held soon, riding the wave of publicity aroused by the Garden contest.

But financial considerations being what they are, we will have to wait for 1972 to see the second fight.

That is, if the Supreme Court doesn't send Cassius Clay to jail.



Clay's hair appears to stand on end as he misses with a left. Frazier seems to be smiling at the fact as referee Mercante watches intently.

Not Convinced of Clay Jeopardy in 11th Round Says Referee Mercante

By DAN DANIEL

IF you wish to find out what actually happened in an important fight—the Frazier-Clay affair, for example—and you respect the referee as a man of perspicacity and level-headedness who at all times kept his cool, performed with skill, and delivered a fair decision, go to that third man if he is disposed to be communicative.

Accordingly, The Ring, of necessity determined to get the most reliable information as to what happened in the 15-round Frazier-Clay contest, which left behind many questions, sought out Arthur Mercante, the referee. His perfect handling of the fight added to his reputation as an exemplar of a sometimes extremely difficult profession.

Mercante was not readily convinced that he owed it to the fight fans of the world to reveal the inside details of the fight and that his revelations could only turn out for the best interests of boxing. However, after a few days of considering the invitation, Mercante finally acceded.

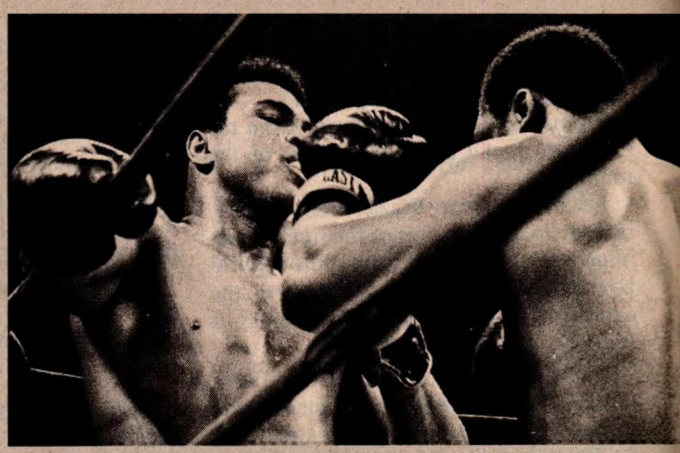
"I refereed three of Joe Frazier's most important fights previous to the one with Cassius Clay," Mercante opened.

"I had found Frazier easy to handle in the past and he was no more of a problem this time. Clay was no less easy to handle so I found myself officiating in my biggest adventure, and my most pleasant one.

"In my three previous ring associations with Frazier, he had taken the decisions out of my hands, and those of the judges, with victories by knockouts, over Buster Mathis, Manuel Ramos and Jerry Quarry.

"This time I had to participate in rendering a decision, and I was happy that the two judges and I agreed. There was no doubt that Frazier had won."

"There were two vital, focal rounds among the 15 which wrote spectacular chapters into the history of the heavyweight class. I refer, of course, to the 11th and 15th rounds, in both of which there were indications of extreme jeopardy for Muhammad Ali," Mercante pointed out.



Cassius grabs the ring rope as Frazier lands a hard left to the head.

"That Cassius was in dire trouble in round No. 15, in which Frazier decked him with a terrific left hook to the right side of his jaw, was obvious.

"But, as to the extent of Clay's jeopardy in the 11th round I have some reservations.

"On the night of March 8, 1971, I was led to believe that in the 11th round Clay was not quite on the verge of a knockout.

"I say this with no desire to disparage the absolute genuineness of Clay's effort for 45 minutes.

"I say it with no disparagement of Clay's determination to recover the title.

Referee Mercante points toward the battlers as Frazier connects with a right to Clay's jaw in the second round.

A frequent happening throughout the contest, Clay backed against the ropes with Frazier about to attack.

"We have to recognize that pretending serious injury long has been a fair and sometimes effective detail of fistic strategy.

"I have seen many cases of pretense, some of them effective demonstrations, but never before in a world heavyweight championship fight.

"Could be Clay actually was hurt, momentarily. But I am led to believe that he was not as seriously injured as most of the 20,000 in the Garden believed he was.

"In the 15th round Clay was in danger. He had been hit hard and hurt seriously. Was he hit harder in the 11th round? I have to express my doubts.

"You may be only a foot away from a boxer in a hard and vital fight, but you cannot crawl inside his head, you cannot divine the extent of injury, you can only guess as to what is his blueprint for effort.

"Great heavyweights haven't always been faultless in their planning, nor have their handlers been flawless.

"If you were in Madison Square Garden among the 20,000 who paid from $150 to $20, officially, for the right to view, you emphatically recollect round No. 11," Mercante continued.

"There was some effective punching by both men in that session. Frazier put the greater power behind his drives. Clay was quite tired and was taking advantage of every opportunity to give himself a breather.

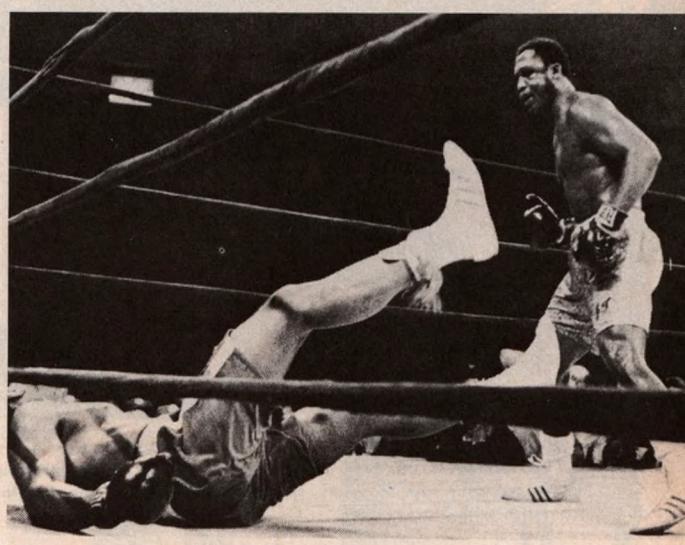
"One of Frazier's powerhouse lefts was especially damaging and it looked as if Cassius might be in real trouble.

"At the bell, much to my amazement, Dr. A. Harry Kleiman, the official doctor assigned by the Boxing Commission, came charging into the ring, and headed in Clay's direction.

"I had not asked Dr. Kleiman to come into the ring. I was not impressed by Clay's staggering around the ring, apparently in dire straits, as a condition of extreme jeopardy.

"I took a good look at Cassius and decided that he was in no jeopardy. As it turned out, the maneuver had no bearing on the end result except, maybe, to add to the conviction in certain quarters that Frazier's margin of success in the 11th round, which the judges and I all scored for Frazier, was more emphatically on Joe's side of the card.

"My impression was that Clay was looking at Dr. Kleiman and me in amazement, with the question, 'What are you men doing here?'



Clay's pride takes a beating as he hits the canvas, but hard, after being walloped by that vicious Frazier left hook in the 15th.

"Now let me discuss Round No. 15. Clay hit the deck because he had been hurt. It was a close thing for him because he was so greatly exhausted.

"Not that Frazier wasn't tired, too. In fact, I will say that Joe finished the more tired of the two.

"I had to be very careful, or we would have finished the fight with both men on the floor.

"They held on to each other like drowning men. Had I separated them with vigor, both would have collapsed. I never before saw two heavyweights suffering so acutely from dual exhaustion.

"It was a great contest, with the best punches I yet have seen, in spite of visits by Clay to the ropes.

"These intervals may have (*Continued on page 38*)

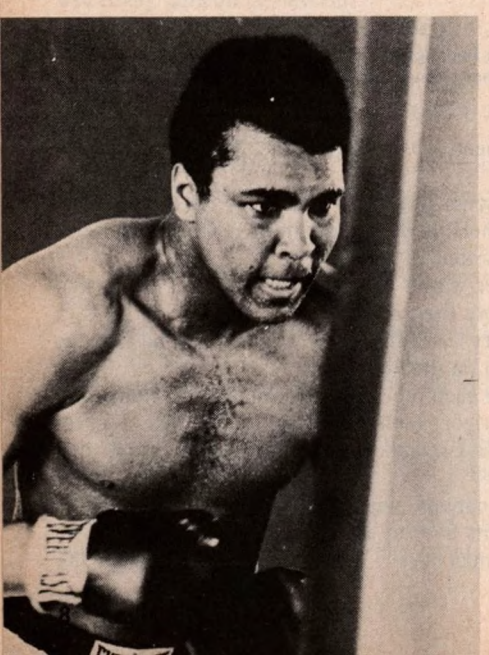
DEMPSEY TELLS CLAY, "CHANGE TRAINING FOR RETURN FIGHT!"

By
JACK
DEMPSEY

READERS of The Ring will recollect that in the February issue I wrote that Joe Frazier would beat Cassius Clay. I threw in the remark that, in my prime, I would have won from Cassius, just about the way Joe would beat him—by bulling and punching, and pressing the fight all the way.

However, I am not gloating as a succesesful prophet. I want to pay my respects to Clay. He fought a game fight, he was an interesting contender right up to the moment he was decked in the 15th round.

Those who felt that Clay would do what he had done in the Bonavena fight, which he won with three knockdowns in the 15th, believed that Clay had a chance to do it all over again. But Clay already was beaten when he hit the deck.



(Above) Heavyweight champion Joe Frazier receives congratulations from the Manassa Mauler, Jack Dempsey, as their wives stand by during Frazier's victory party following Joe's triumph oer Cassius Clay. (Below) Dempsey says that Clay, shown punching heavy bag, has to change his training method for return match with Frazier.

It was one of the most interesting heavyweight fights in my time as a spectator.

Since the fight, I have been peppered with questions. Could Clay have beaten Frazier the night Cassius beat Floyd Patterson? Could Clay have beaten Frazier before Cassius took his long vacation following his court trouble?

Will Clay beat Frazier when they meet again, in 1972?

Well, I tried to stand Tunney off after three soft years doing nothing, and it was no go.

I was surprised, first by my loss of timing and power. Second by Tunney's speed. I never figured Gene to have the speed of foot and hands that he showed me in Philadelphia, and again in Chicago.

Sure, I had a great chance to regain the title in Chicago. I don't wish to review the Battle of the Long Count. It's all water over the dam.

But could be I did not train right for the second fight with Tunney. And I know that Clay will have to change his training schedule and methods for his second encounter with Frazier.

When Clay and Angelo Dundee sit down to discuss battle plans for the return match, they will have to come to the quick conclusion that what they tried in New York was not good, and that Cassius will have to train in a radically different way.

He came into Madison Square Garden ill prepared and he soon knew it.

Clay suffered from early fatigue. Remember, Cassius had never before gone 15 hard, demanding rounds.

He had fought 15 with George Chuvalo, but the Canadian was no serious title threat.

Cassius had boxed 15 rounds with Ernie Terrell. But the then champion was in command at all times.

Against Frazier, Clay found things entirely different. Not that Frazier left the ring fresh as a daisy. But Joe had made the fight, he had hurt Cassius on several occasions, and he had shown that he could take Clay's best effort without flinching.

I have been asked if, in the very interesting 11th round, Clay actually had been staggered and had gone on Queer Street. Or did he put on an act?

This question is discussed fully in this issue of The Ring by Arthur Mercante, the referee.

He leans toward the idea that Clay was not hurt too badly.

The third man deserves a hearing. He is closest to the fighters and his observations are to be weighed and respected.

I did not believe that in the 11th round Clay was pulling an act.

I saw that he had been hurt, that he was getting dead tired.

In a 15-round fight, 11th round fatigue is extremely dangerous. It wraps itself around you like a blanket on a cold night. To shake it off, to fight it off, is a terrific job.

Clay will not forget that round for the rest of his life, any more than I ever will forget my seventh round against Tunney in Chicago.

In any event, if there was any acting, it did not work much to Clay's advantage.

If there was no acting, the fight went into the records with the notation that it was featured by two big rounds which went strongly into the Frazier side of the score—the 11th and the 15th.

If Clay never before had fought 15 challenging rounds, Frazier had to fight 15 just once, in beating Oscar Bonavena in December, 1968. Ringo, whom I have seen, is a tough guy to fight. He is big and strong, with a lot of stamina, even if awkward.

If Frazier learned anything about pacing himself in the Bonavena fight, it did not help him much in the Clay battle. Joe had to go all out for 45 minutes, and when it was all over he had to go to a hospital with physical and nervous exhaustion.

To stand up for 15 rounds against a formidable taller opponent with longer reach and a tantalizing style is not what might be regarded as fun.

For his rematch with Frazier, Clay will have to train in a far different manner than he did for Joe.

In the first place, Clay needs two fights before meeting Frazier again. Don't ask me to name two opponents for him. I am not a matchmaker. I have some ideas on the subject but it is not my business to tell Clay his.

In addition to two outings, Clay needs a series of four-round fights in camp behind locked doors.

In training for the return, Clay will have to concentrate on making himself able to fight three-minute rounds.

Angelo Dundee will have to pick his sparmates for Clay with an eye to many points.

In New York, Clay lacked 15-round stamina. He lacked speed. He had no working command of what had been a wonderful weapon, a sharp jab.

As the two fighters stood at ring center to start their contest the fans said, "This Clay man looks terrific, far better than he did against Bonavena."

But there are two kinds of condition: physical shape, and fighting preparedness.

Cassius looked as if he had everything. But it soon became apparent that he had a lot of lacks, and he tipped this with his too frequent trips to the ropes.

He never before had fought off the strands, and it meant that he was getting progressively tired against a strong foe who kept boring in without mercy, relentlessly.

Frazier is a fine fighter. I might say he proved himself a grade or two better than I had imagined. Time after time I found him solving problems my way. I liked his style. He was my kind of fighter.

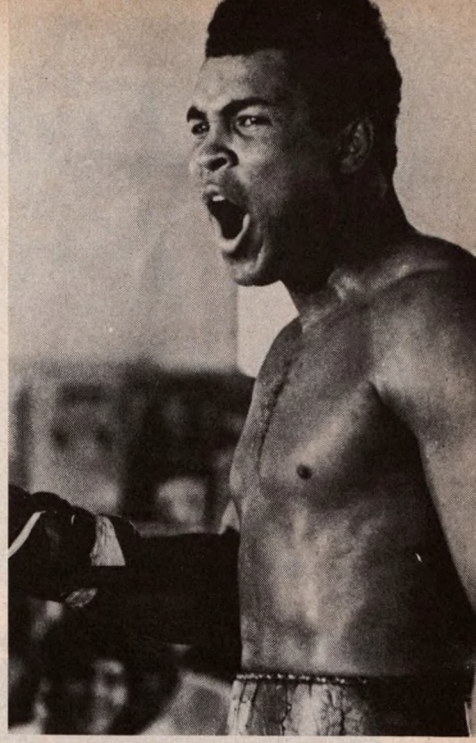
Clay had to take too many breathers. He fiddle-faddled away a few rounds, sticking a useless left into Frazier's face to no good, to no effect.

It was the kind of fight, from Clay's standpoint, that I never had seen before, and I would not want to see him do it again.

A heavyweight championship ring is no place for comedy. Every move counts, every opening is dangerous, shaking your head to tell the fans that you had not been hurt is for the Hollywood movies, and not for title competition.

I read a report which said that the fight had built up Clay's confidence.

I don't see it that way. He had the confidence. He did not have the legs.



Clay, with mouth open as usual, came into the fight with Frazier ill-prepared according to Dempsey, and thus suffered early fatigue.

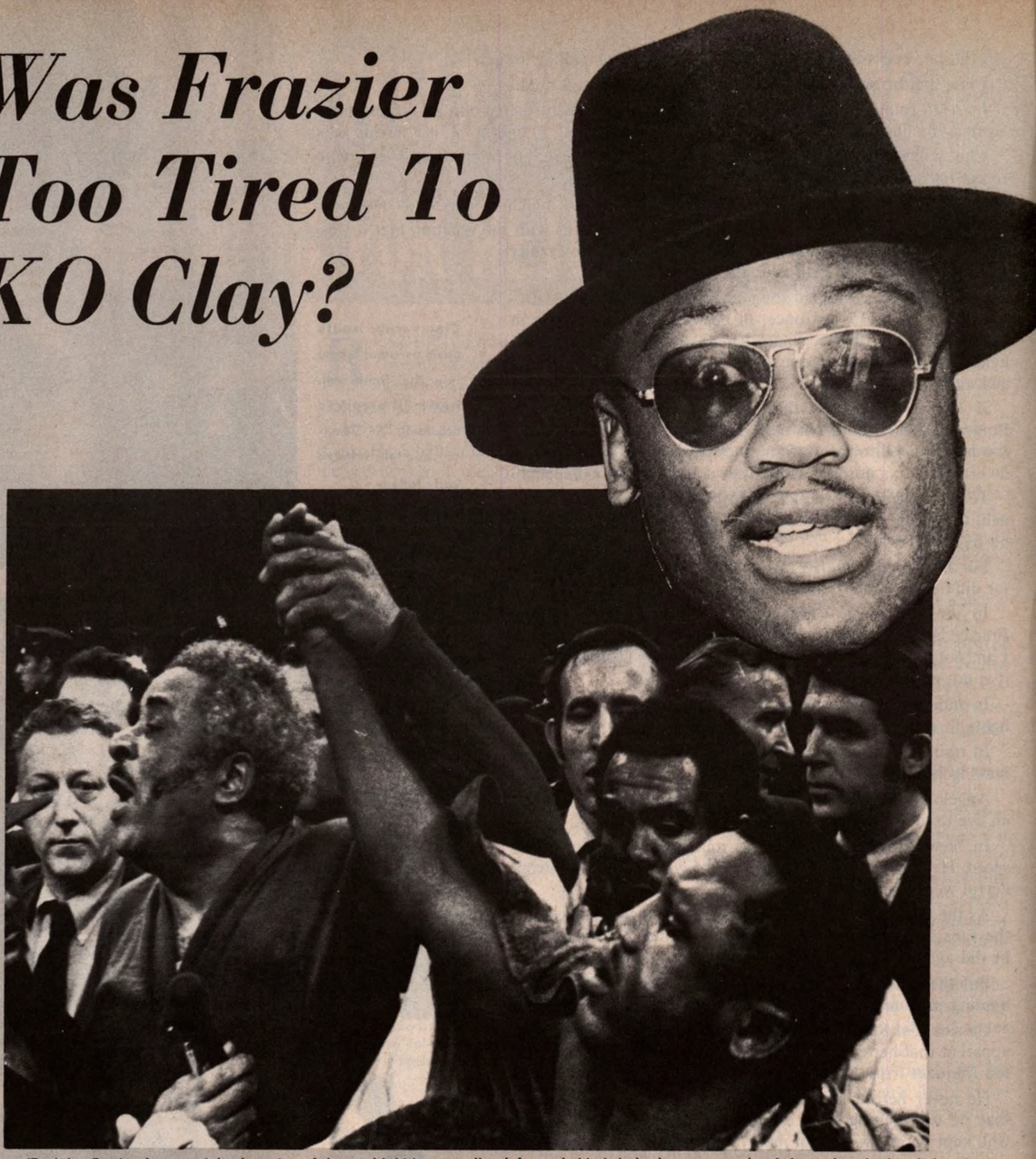
Frazier lands a left to Clay's jaw as Cassius tries to duck away on ropes. Dempsey states Cassius lacked 15-round stamina, speed and command of his sharp jab.

I could see that as the third part of the fight was reached Cassius was disgusted with himself.

Frazier and Clay were good for boxing. Both men did the best they could. Both went all out.

The way the stories about the fight tossed around millions, with the fighters splitting $5,000,000, the live gate amounting to $1,300,000 and closed circuit TV accounting for close to $17,000,000—well, how about it, Gene?

Was Frazier Too Tired To KO Clay?



(Top) Joe Frazier, heavyweight champion of the world, hides a swollen left eye behind dark glasses a couple of days after the big fight. (Above) The moment of victory as Yancey Durham raises Frazier's arm after the decision in his favor was announced.

N.Y. STATE TAX GRAB OF $696,000 PRESENTS THREAT

By DAN DANIEL

IN the aftermath of the world heavyweight championship fight between Joe Frazier and Cassius Clay in New York, these facts stand out in the review by the writer:

1. Frazier unquestionably was entitled to the unanimous decision.

2. Clay got a beating and, in the highly controversial 11th round, may have been close to a knockout.

3. It is conceivable that if Frazier had not fought himself into physical and nervous exhaustion, Clay would have been knocked out in the 11th round, or possibly in the 15th, which saw him decked.

4. The unprecedented income tax impost of $348,000 which

the State of New York hung on each fighter was unjust, and presents a threat to Big Time boxing in New York's Madison Square Garden.

I was disappointed in Frazier's showing. He fought himself dizzy and gave some few reporters the impression that he was carrying Clay after the 10th round. I believed that Joe was giving out with his best. But his punches did not have their usual power. He got very tired.

Six days after the fight, with Frazier in St. Luke's Hospital in Philadelphia, his doctor said that Joe had been suffering from something called "athlete's kidney."

For reasons as yet not clear to the medical profession, an athlete under mental, nervous and physical stress suffers a kidney malfunction, the details of which are not necessary to enter into here and now.

The malfunction does not last long, but it is enervating and scaring while it exists.

Said Harry Markson, Madison Square Garden boxing director, in reviewing the fight:

"Teddy Brenner, our matchmaker, and I did not like the way Frazier was dashing around in the cold on the afternoon of the fight, minus overcoat. After the fight had gone six rounds we remarked that Joe was pushing his punches and we wondered if he were feeling well."

Maybe Frazier's training regimen was no better suited to the job than Clay's had been.

Frazier, who had gone 15 rounds only once, against Oscar Bonavena in Philadelphia, apparently fought himself out in 45 minutes against Ali.

You will note that Arthur Mercante, who refereed the fight, says in this issue of The Ring that if he had broken their 15th round final clinch with vigor, they might have fallen to the deck together.

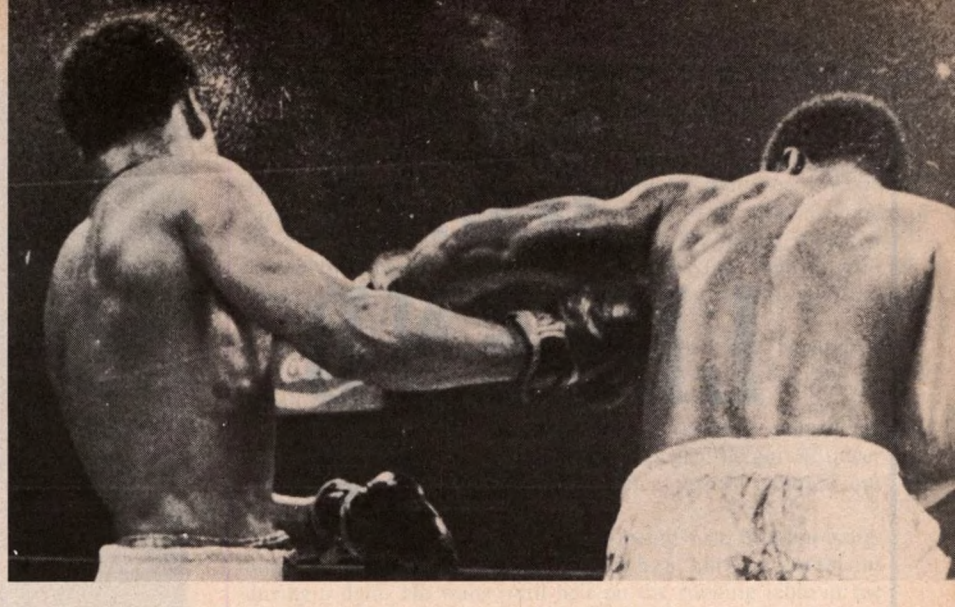
The power punching with which Frazier beat Muhammad Ali was not comparable to the strength of attack with which the world champion had knocked out Bob Foster in two rounds in Detroit not so long before Joe's effort against Cassius.

It now is apparent that both Frazier and Clay did a lot more worrying about the fight than they had let on during their training.

I saw Clay in workouts in Miami and it was evident that he was worried, that he was harried, that he was in the wrong place and mood for getting ready. He was bothered by his adulating friends and should have spent at least the final week before the fight in private, working behind locked doors in a secret location.

Frazier, who has denied any intention to quit the ring, especially with the going rates, despite taxes, talking him out of it, was bothered by too many considerations having little to do with the Clay fight.

Joe's connection with The Knockouts, his night club outfit, has become an obsession with him. He seems to be more concerned with the act than he is with his boxing career. This, of course, needs revision, at once. Cloverlay, his boss, can't stop him.



That Frazier and Clay will meet again, in a year, must be regarded as certain, with reservations tracing to the Supreme Court's review of Clay's felony case.

The Court's latest ruling recognizes a Conscientious Objector claim if the draftee bases his CO stand on opposition to serving in any war, not only in the war in Vietnam.

Nobody can guess what the capricious Court will do. But the feeling grows that Clay will be cleared as a CO.

Oddly enough, there is no powerful resentment against Clay and his stand among our armed forces. Many of those fighting Hanoi are reported to applaud Clay's safety from injury, and eligibility to pick up another fortune. These be strange times, indeed.

The return fight is bound to land in Jack Kent Cooke's Forum at Inglewood, near Los Angeles.

Cooke assured himself of the second meeting when he guaranteed the $5,000,000 to the fighters with a signature good for $4,500,000 at the Chase Manhattan Bank in New York.

The dope is that the live gate in the Garden came to $1,350,000; that the take from closed circuit television came to $16,500,000, with no venue attracting fewer than 90 percent of the capacity.

Cooke and his associates opened avenues for boxing championship profit never before utilized by promoters. He shunted off the Garden promoters into a secondary position, making the closed circuit profits far richer than those achieved at the gate.

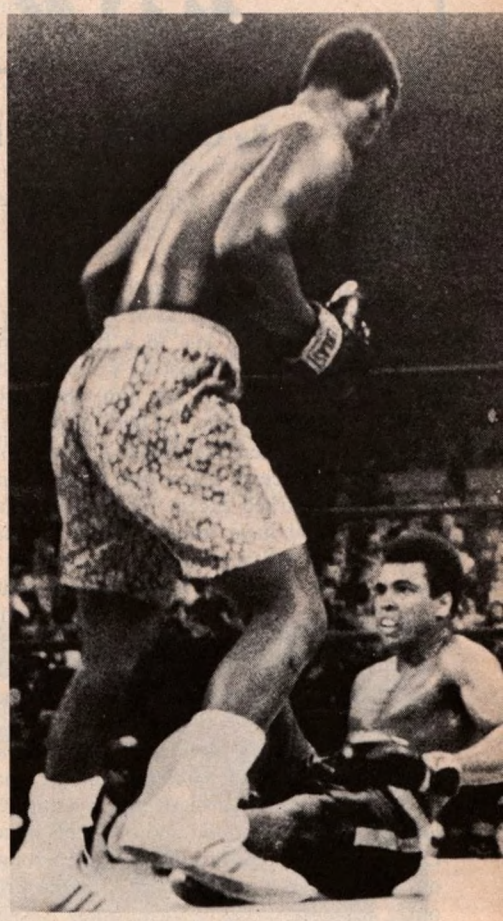
The Garden is reported to have picked up $900,000 and to have enjoyed the most opulent split in the annals of boxing.

The next year will develop a lot of debate as to the likely winner in the Frazier-Clay rematch.

A lot of qualified experts hold to the notion that Cassius will be a more formidable antagonist.

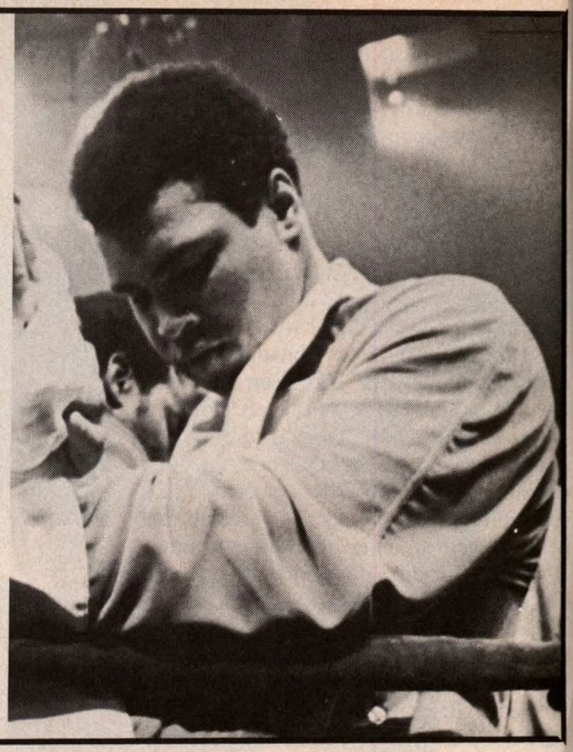
However, on the Frazier side is the belief that the champion, in good physical and mental condition, will stop Clay in California. (*Continued on page 41*)

Another view of the blow in the 15th round which decked Clay.



Cassius plops to the floor as Frazier eyes his handiwork.

CLAY LEGEND IS ENDED



By GEORGE GIRSCH

SOMEBODY once said that the more things change the more they stay the same. He must have been talking about Cassius Clay.

After suffering defeat for the first time in his professional boxing life, it appeared as if the former heavyweight king would admit he had lost to a better man. Before the fight, Clay insisted that if he lost he would crawl across the ring to Joe Frazier's corner and call him "the double greatest."

But since the so-called "Fight of the Century," Clay hasn't called Frazier even the single greatest, insisting to all who have the patience to listen that he won nine rounds, that his face was unmarked except for a swollen jaw and that, really, folks, I should have trained a little bit harder for the fight.

In this, his solitary loss, Clay may have fought his greatest fight in many ways. He made believers out of those who had questioned his courage, by surviving a terrible battering in the 11th round when Frazier should have knocked him out, and by rising from the canvas in the 15th round after absorbing a tremendous left hook that sat him on the seat of his pants with a thud.

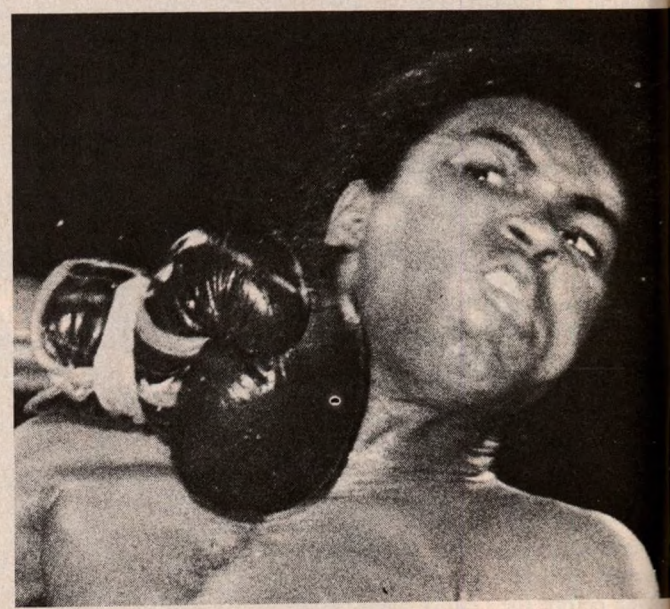
Naturally, Clay's idolators still insist, as they always will insist, that "he is the greatest," come what may. But it was obvious in the Frazier clash that Cassius' legs are gone. He no longer can dance around and make his opponents look foolish. Clay was flatfooted throughout the 15 rounds, content to fight off the ropes in a vain attempt to make Frazier punch himself out.

Prior to the contest, it was generally thought that if the bout went the distance, Clay would surely be the victor. If the fight ended in a knockout, then it would be Frazier who would deliver the KO punch.

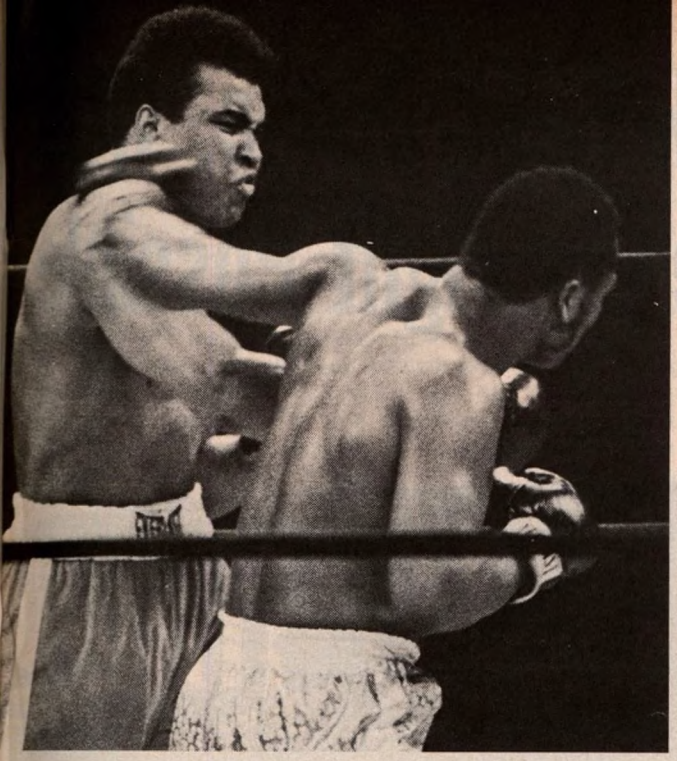
For those who agree with Clay that he landed more blows and won nine rounds, there is this thought:

At no time did Clay hurt Frazier, nor was there ever a moment when Joe was in danger of being knocked out. You just knew that that couldn't happen. But Clay was in constant danger throughout.

The clowning bit, where Cassius leaned on the ropes and tried to pump his left straight into Joe's face repeatedly in order



(Above) Pow! This is the tremendous left hook by Frazier that floored Clay in the 15th round shown at the point of impact. (Left) Here is Cassius the morning after in a bed at the New Yorker Hotel complete with a swollen right jaw.



Clay winces as Frazier lands with devastating left which found its mark pretty steadily throughout hectic battle.

to make his smaller opponent look silly, did not work in the long run.

Clay insisted the referee and judges were biased. But, would he have said the same thing if they had voted for him? His post-fight prattle is still the same old line that losers use for the edification of those who are gullible enough to believe it. Besides, it makes good copy in the newspapers, on television, and keeps interest alive for the return match. Clay also has an image to live up to.

As in all Madison Square Garden bouts, there is a post-fight interview, with the winner and loser coming before the press, radio and TV. Frazier showed up, complete with icebag to his puffed-up eye held by manager-trainer Yank Durham. Clay, however, failed to make an appearance, instead going off to the hospital to have his badly swollen and bruised jaw X-rayed. He could easily have stopped off and showed himself for a minute as all other losers have done.

In his place came Drew Brown, known as Bundini, listed as Clay's assistant trainer, but whose chief activity seems to be that of cheerleader. Bundini, incidentally, was suspended by the New York State Athletic Commission for yelling from the corner throughout the contest and for spraying water from a sponge at Clay when he was knocked down. Several members of the press got the shower, not Clay.

According to Bundini, Clay's main concern was whether it was a good 15 rounds and that Cassius "was satisfied that he didn't get knocked out."

"He was on queer street in the 11th round. I prayed for him. No, he didn't think he won. He was glad he got off queer street.. Remember, he was away three years," pointed out Bundini.

When asked if Clay complained of being hurt, Bundini indignantly replied, "No champion says he's hurt or complains during a fight. He waits until he's on the rubbing table in the dressing room after the fight. I wouldn't work with anybody who complains during the bout. No soldier quits in the foxhole."

Somebody yelled, "How would he know? You'd have to have been in a foxhole to know that," alluding to Clay's refusal to be drafted into the army.

A visibly irritated Bundini lashed out with, "I suppose all you wise guys are happy now. Yeah, I know you. Well, you just be around next year because Muhammad's coming back."

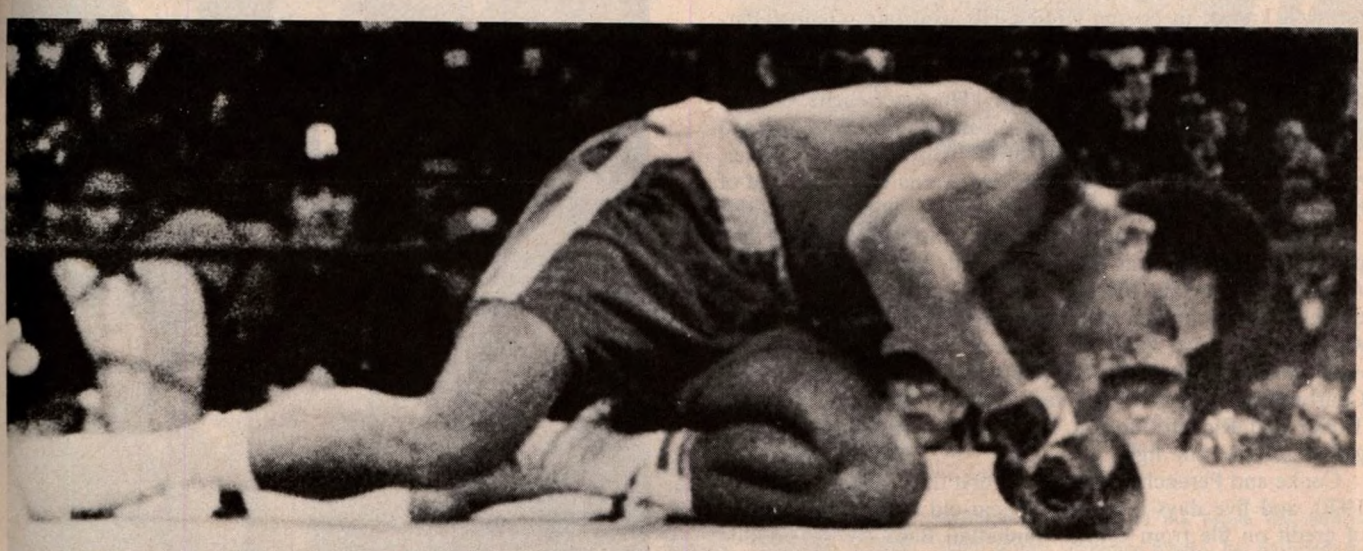
The impression left by Bundini was that Clay had no quarrel with the verdict, that he knew he was beaten and was chastened by the fact that he suffered not only the humiliation of hitting the floor but the possibility of a broken jaw as well.

The very next day saw the return of old Cassius Clay, the glib talker who tries to change history with every syllable and turn of a phrase.

"I thought I won most of the rounds on points. I won at least nine rounds. I don't believe I lost. I know I won that fight. I know hit him three times to his one, so I should have won," maintained Clay.

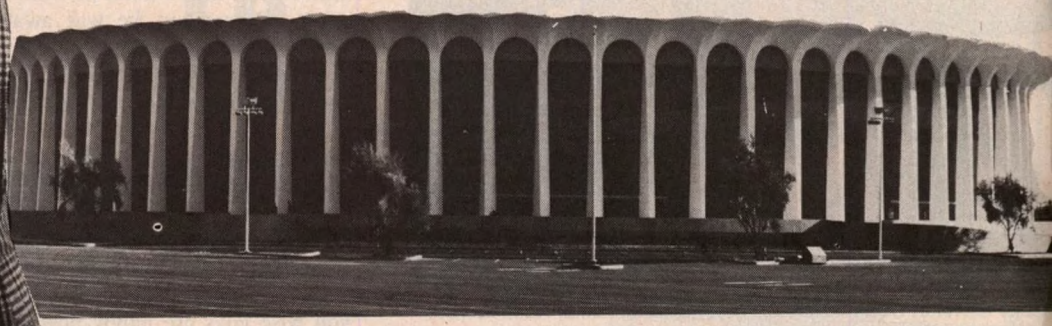
"Frazier got cut up and bruised. Did you see his face? Look at me. Outside of the swollen jaw, there's not a mark on my face."

Clay charged that his stand on the (*Continued on page 38*)



Clay on the canvas after being belted by that left. He's off the seat of his pants and is about to rise at count of four, but resumed action after taking rest of mandatory eight-count standing.

Meet Jack Kent Cooke, Who Made The Big Fight Possible



(Left) Jack Kent Cooke, the guarantor of the Frazier-Clay bout in New York and the man who holds the signed contracts for a return bout in his Forum (above) in Inglewood, California. (Below) Cooke is flanked by one of his highly paid employees, Wilt Chamberlain of the NBA Lakers, and a friend, Lorne Greene, one of the stars of the TV show "Bonanza."

By DON FRASER

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—Who is Jack Kent Cooke, one of the most talked about figures in sports today?

He is the man responsible for the nearly five million dollar guarantee that brought Frazier and Cassius Clay together in the recent "Fight of the Century."

Cooke is the man who has signed contracts for a return match between Frazier and Clay, which is expected in early 1972 in Cooke's arena, the Forum, at Inglewood, near here.

Prior to his backing the Frazier-Clay battle, Cooke was not too well known in boxing circles. His associate, George Parnassus, promotes all boxing at Cooke's Forum, while Jack Kent keeps a close eye on his Lakers of the National Basketball Association and Kings of the National Hockey League.

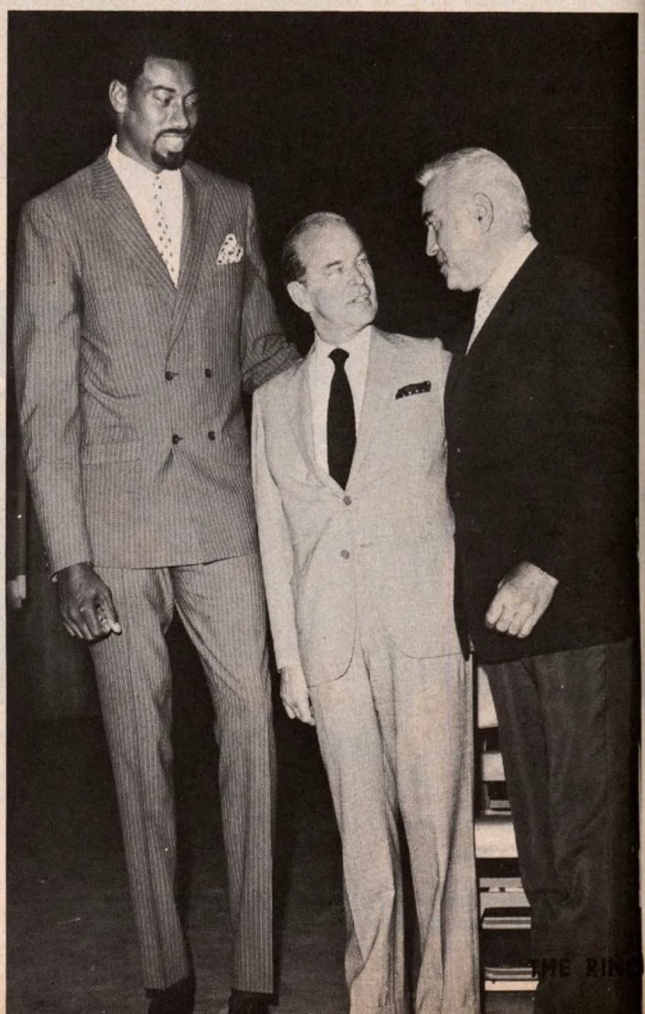
As a youngster in Toronto, Canada, Cooke was an avid boxing fan and in the company of his Australian-born father, he attended many ring cards at the old Arena Gardens. One of his favorites was Frenchy Belanger.

Cooke got into the bidding for the Frazier-Clay showdown prior to the Clay-Oscar Bonavena fight. He had heard from Angelo Dundee that the Forum was a considered site. Jack quickly made contact with both camps and the price war was on.

At the same time, Jerry Perenchio, 40-year-old head of Chartwell Artists, Ltd., agents for Andy Williams, Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton, was trying to tie loose ends together for the title fight.

Cooke and Perenchio met for the first time on December 22, 1970, and five days later the 58-year-old Cooke had a letter of credit on file from Chase Manhattan Bank for 4.5 million dollars with Madison Square Garden. Now the biggest event in sports history belonged to Cooke and Perenchio, who combined promotional forces.

The remaining $500,000 came from the Garden people, who



reecived 30 percent of the live gate for their part of the promotion. The gate came to about $1,300,000.

The rest is history, with close to 18 million paid for the closed circuit and movie rights in the U.S. and the four corners of the globe.

With the landing of the championship 15-rounder, Cooke demands rating as the leading sports entrepreneur in America.

Cooke destroyed the supposition that New York still was the pivotal point in boxing finance.

Cooke killed off the supposition that nothing big could be done in professional sport without New York money.

Cooke broke down the long maintained fable, born during the New York regime of Tex Rickard, that a heavyweight championship fight had to have New York money behind it.

It may have been a bitter pill for Gotham to swallow. But, without Cooke and his financial standing, there would have been no Frazier-Clay fight in the Garden.

When it was announced that Cooke had made himself the guarantor for $4,500,000, with each fighter sure of $2,500,000, New York wiseacres predicted abject failure for the "Upstart from Inglewood."

What do the wiseacres say about Jack Kent Cooke today? And what will they say after he has followed up with the rematch in the Forum?

Singlehandedly, Cooke has, in the last decade, created a sports empire which includes the $16 million Forum in the L.A. suburb of Inglewood, the Los Angeles Lakers of the National Basketball Association, the Los Angeles Kings of the National Hockey League and majority ownership of the Washington Redskins of the National Football eague.

A Canadian by birth, a schoolboy hockey star, his early business ventures included a fling as the leader of a dance band under the name of Oley Kent, a cross-country tour of Canada selling encyclopedias door-to-door at $39.50 a set during the depression years of the '30s, a stint as a runner for a stock market firm, and a budding career as a soap salesman for Colgate-Palmolive.

Having vowed to be a millionaire by the time he was 30, Jack opened the door to his personal Klondike when he teamed up with Roy Thomson (now Lord Thomson of Fleet) in buying and selling radio stations and newspapers. Jack and Thomson, who was 20 years his senior, had the magic touch and became outstandingly successful in the broadcasting and publishing fields.

After purchasing the Toronto Maple Leafs baseball club of the International League and turning it into the most successful minor league franchise in America, Jack joined forces with the late Branch Rickey and other baseball notables in attempting to form a third major, the Continental League.

It was his objective to give Toronto a major league franchise. The Continental League never (*Continued on page 41*)

Cooke and Lord Thomson of Fleet enjoy a laugh together. They teamed up to buy and sell newspapers and radio stations. His Lordship owns the London Times, among other thriving enterprises.

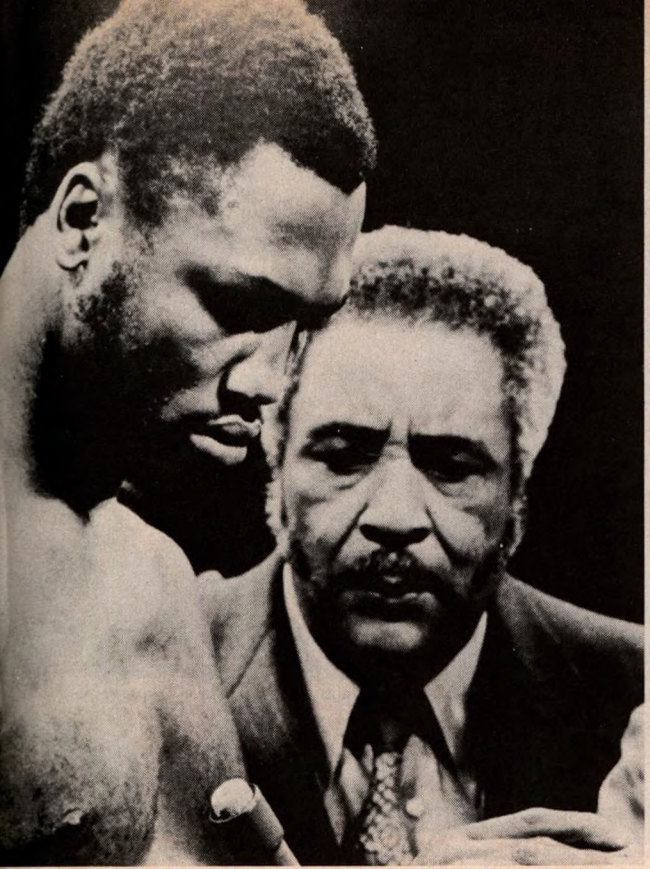
More laughs as Cooke poses with ex-middleweight king Nino Benvenuti and Forum boxing chief George Parnassus.

Applauding happily at the Forum are (left to right) actress Geraldine Brooks, her husband, author Budd Schulberg, Jean and Jack Kent Cooke.

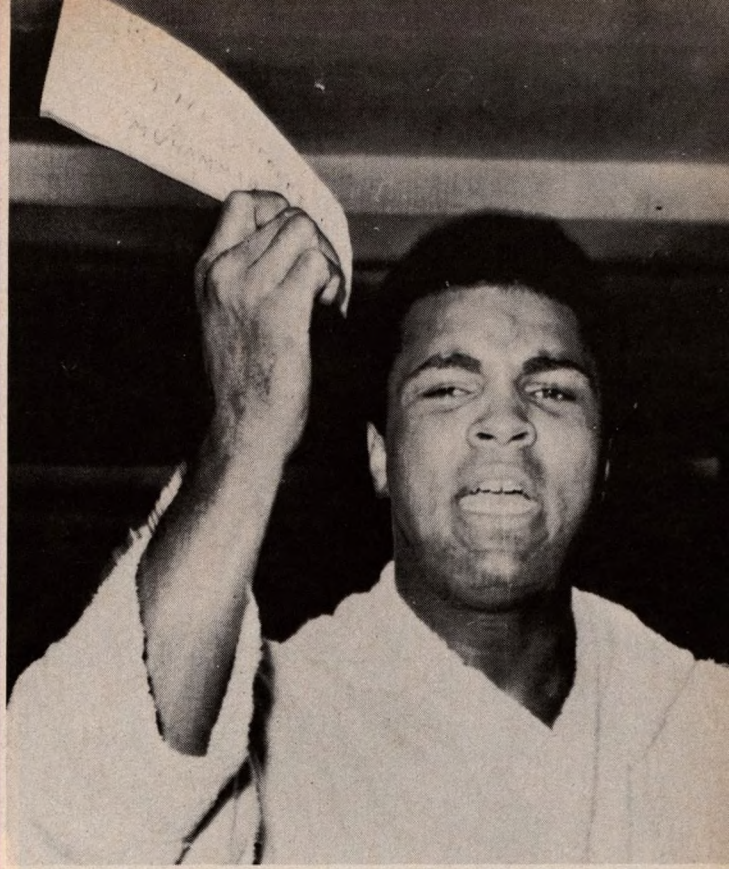
The principals in The Big Fight glare at each other in this nose-to-nose confrontation before they met in the ring and collected $2,500,00 each for their efforts.

THE BIGGEST FIGHT OF 'EM ALL

Celebrities Galore... Funkiest Of Fashions... 'Twas Truly A Night To Remember



On the afternoon of March 8 came the weigh-in, with Frazier and Yancey Durham intently studying the scales which showed 205½ for Joe. Clay came in at 215.



Clay waves a sealed envelope in which he had written his prediction of the outcome. Just prior to the bout, he read its contents to the closed-circuit TV audience—"Frazier Falls in 6."

Actor Burt Lancaster and former light heavyweight king Archie Moore did commentary on the TV broadcast, along with Don Dunphy.

Entertainer Joey Bishop engages in a discussion at ringside with sports columnist Jimmy Cannon.

Singer Diana Ross displays Hot Pants before taking her seat.

Astronaut Alan Shepard (holding newspaper) talks things over with Sargent Shriver and his wife. Identifiable nearest camera are Gene Tunney, Robert Wagner and Jim Farley.

A center of attraction was the coat and hat on this fan, complete with cane and dark glasses.

A huge throng mills around in front of Madison Square Garden, many in hopes of being able to buy a ticket by paying through the nose.

Fashions are in full flower as these three girls display some creations selected especially for the Big Night.

Popular talk show host David Frost escorts Diahann Carroll, the actress, as they arrived at the Garden. It appears they are wearing matching fur coats.

More way out fashions. On far left is Barbara Trent Balin of Chicago. In center is Aly Schapie of New York (with hat) and Bernard Jackson of London, England. On right, singer Lupe Ladino.

Frank Sinatra gets ready to snap a few pictures. A few of his shots appeared in Life Magazine.

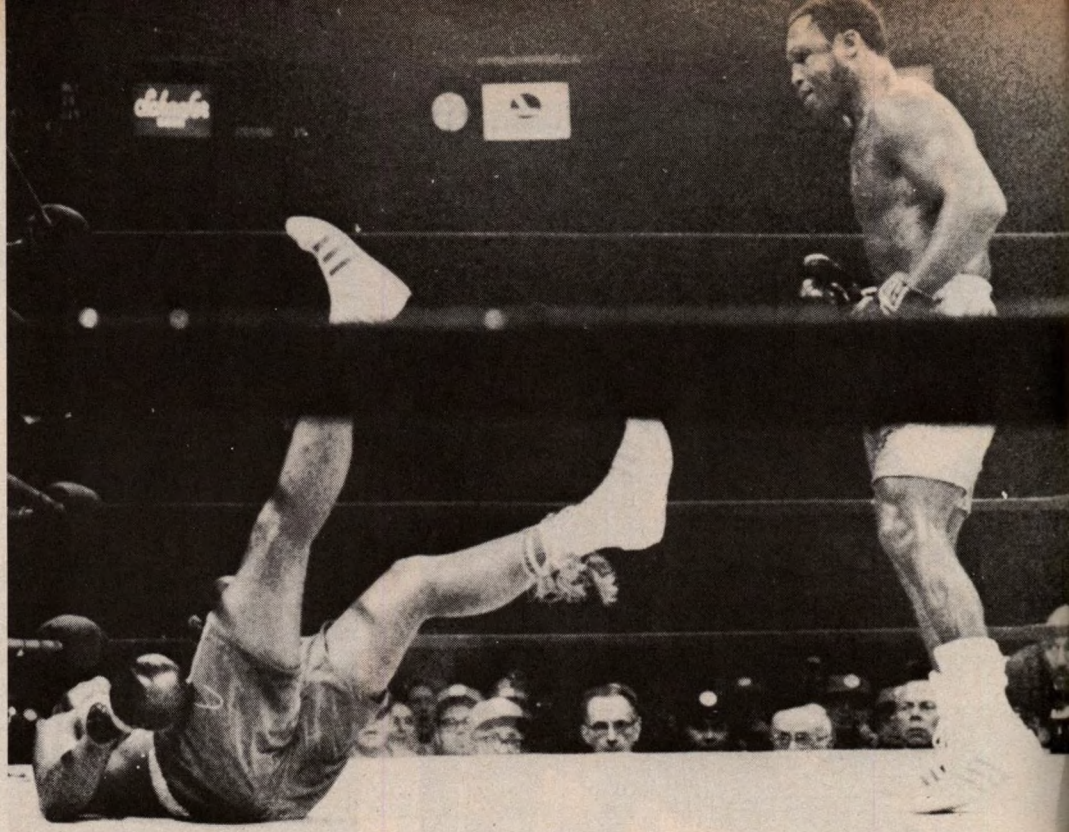
New York City Mayor John Lindsay greets a few people while waiting for the big bout to begin.

Spotted in a loge are Hugh Hefner, of Playboy fame, who is escorting Barbi.

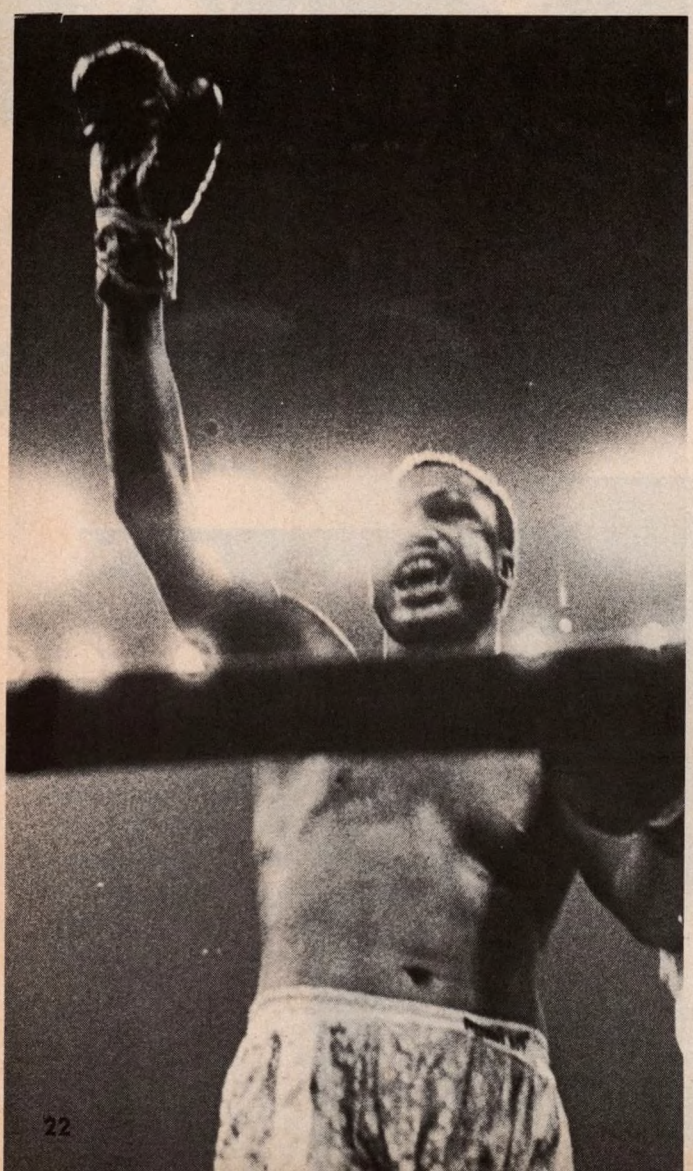
(Right) Matching fur-trimmed hats and coats are worn by the pair in the top photo. The girl with the ornate high hat probably made a hit with everybody except the person seated behind her.

Then came the main event, the highlight of which is pictured here, Frazier landing a tremendous left hook on the button which floored Clay in the 15th.

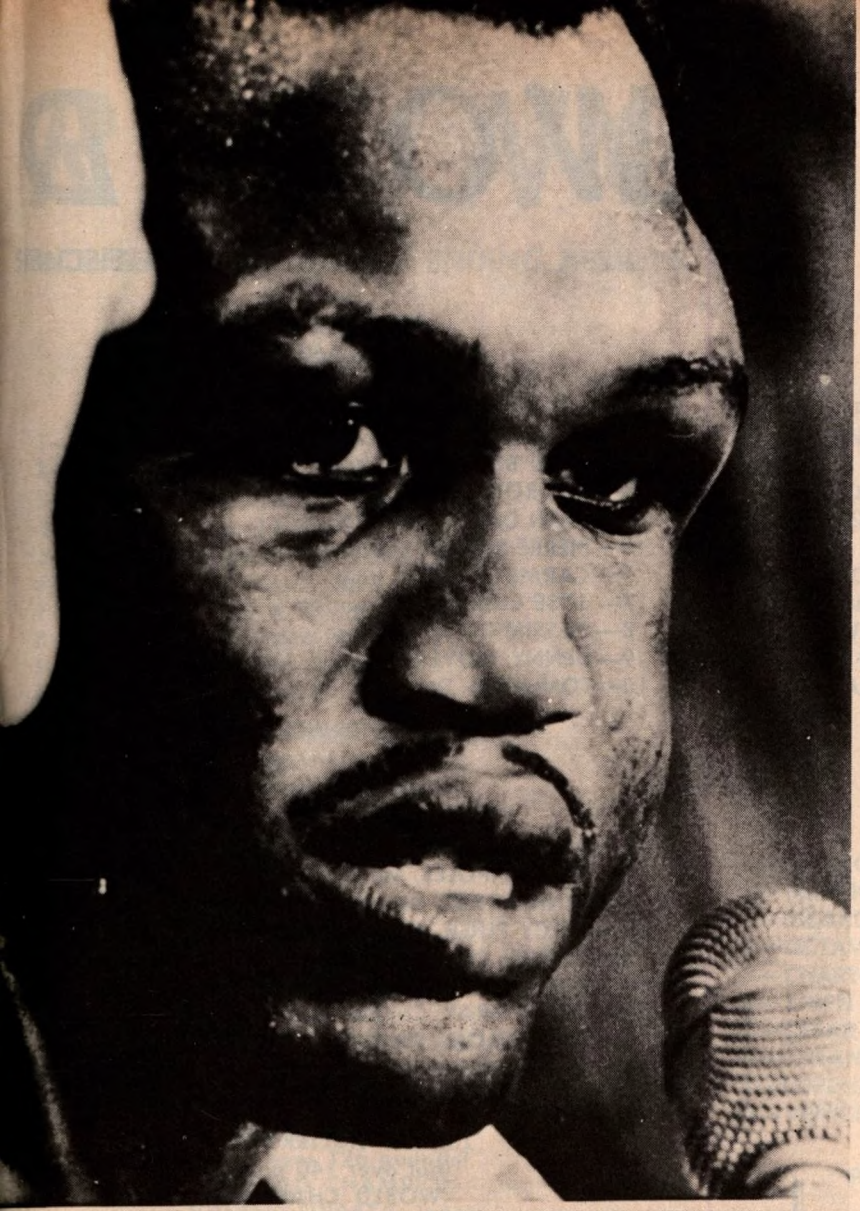
Frazier watches Clay hit the floor. He got up at four, then took the rest of the mandatory eight count while on his feet.



A jubilant Frazier raises his hand in victory after scoring a unanimous decision.

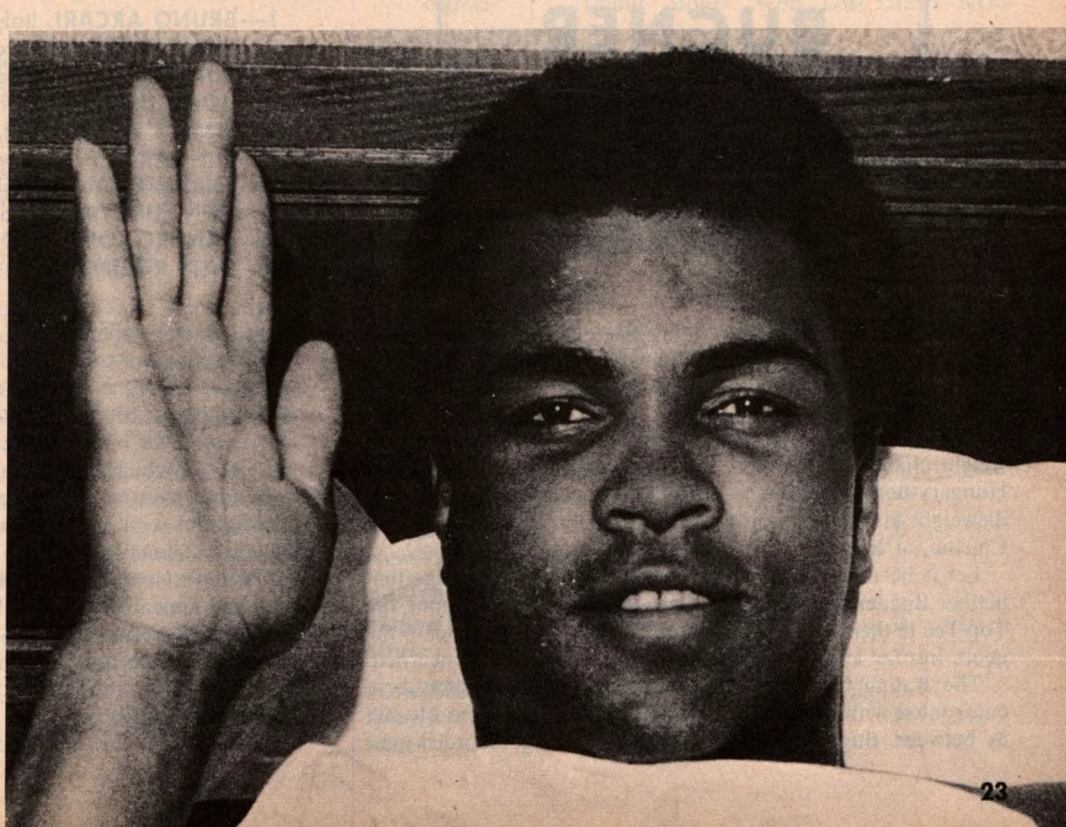


A beaten Cassius Clay is ministered to by his handlers. Trainer Angelo Dundee is on the left.



(Left) A bruised and puffed-up Frazier talks to the press after his triumph. (Above) Joe is snapped at a victory party in a New York hotel a few hours after beating Clay.

Clay rests in a hotel room the following day, nursing a badly swollen jaw, along with sore legs and thighs.



WORLD RATINGS

By NAT FLEISCHER

RATINGS FOR THE MONTH ENDING APRIL 15, 1971

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
JOE FRAZIER, Philadelphia, Pa.

1—**CASSIUS CLAY**, Louisville, Ky.
2—**GEORGE FOREMAN**, Hayward, Calif.
3—**OSCAR BONAVENA**, Argentina
4—**JERRY QUARRY**, Los Angeles, Cal.
5—**MAC FOSTER**, Fresno, Calif.
6—**GEORGE CHUVALO**, Canada
7—**JOE BUGNER**, England
8—**JOSE LUIS GARCIA**, Venezuela
9—**JOSE IBAR URTAIN**, Spain
10—**FLOYD PATTERSON**, New York, N.Y.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
BOB FOSTER, Washington, D.C.

1—**VICENTE RONDON**, Venezuela
2—**GOMEO BRENNAN**, Bahamas
3—**JIMMY DUPREE**, Jersey City, N.J.
4—**DICK TIGER**, Nigeria
5—**HAL CARROLL**, Syracuse, N. Y.
6—**MARK TESSMAN**, Houston, Texas
7—**CONNY VELENSEK**, Germany
8—**LARRY BUCK**, Seattle, Wash.
9—**MIKE QUARRY**, Los Angeles, Calif.
10—**PIERO DEL PAPA**, Italy

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
CARLOS MONZON, Argentina

1—**EMILE GRIFFITH**, New York, N.Y.
2—**NINO BENVENUTI**, Italy
3—**LUIS RODRIGUEZ**, Miami Beach, Fla.
4—**JUAN CARLOS DURAN**, Italy
5—**PIERRE FOURIE**, South Africa
6—**CARMELO BOSSI**, Italy
7—**JOSE CHIRINO**, Argentina
8—**NESSIM COHEN**, France
9—**DENNY MOYER**, Portland, Ore.
10—**TOM BOGS**. Denmark

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
BILLY BACKUS, Syracuse, N.Y.

1—**ADOLPH PRUITT**, St. Louis, Mo.
2—**JOSE NAPOLES**, Mexico
3—**ERNIE LOPEZ**, Las Vegas, Nev.
4—**PERCY PUGH**, New Orleans, La.
5—**MARCEL CERDAN**, France
6—**ROBERT GALLOIS**, France
7—**CLYDE GRAY**, Canada
8—**HEDGEMON LEWIS**, Detroit, Mich.
9—**RALPH CHARLES**, England
10—**DONATO PADUANO**, Canada

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
NICOLINO LOCHE, Argentina

1—**BRUNO ARCARI**, Italy
2—**EDDIE PERKINS**, Chicago, Ill.
3—**BUNNY GRANT**, Jamaica
4—**JOAO HENRIQUE**, Brazil
5—**JIMMY ROBERTSON**, San Francisco, Cal.
6—**ELY YARES**, Philippines
7—**ENRIQUE JANA**, Argentina
8—**LION FURUYAMA**, Japan
9—**SANDRO LOPOPOLO**, Italy
10—**NATE ROBINSON**, Los Angeles, Cal.

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
KEN BUCHANAN, Scotland

1—**ISMAEL LAGUNA**, Panama
2—**PEDRO CARRASCO**, Spain
3—**CARLOS HERNANDEZ**, Venezuela
4—**AL FORD**, Canada
5—**MANDO RAMOS**, Long Beach, Calif.
6—**MIGUEL VELAZQUEZ**, Spain
7—**SHINICHI KADOTA**, Japan
8—**CHANGO CARMONA**, Mexico
9—**SUGAR RAMOS**, Mexico
10—**ANTONIO CERVANTES**, Colombia

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
HIROSHI KOBAYASHI, Japan

1—**YOSHIAKI NUMATA**, Japan
2—**ANTONIO AMAYA**, Panama
3—**RUBEN NAVARRO**, Los Angeles, Cal.
4—**ANTONIO PUDDU**, Italy
5—**RENE BARRIENTOS**, Philippines
6—**FRANK OTERO**, Miami Beach, Fla.
7—**SAMMY GOSS**, Trenton, N.J.
8—**ARMANDO MENDOZA**, Venezuela
9—**JOSE ACOSTA**, Venezuela
10—**FRANKIE CRAWFORD**, Los Angeles, Cal.

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
KUNIAKI SHIBATA, Japan

1—**SHOZO SAIJYO**, Japan
2—**JOSE LEGRA**, Spain
3—**VICENTE SALDIVAR**, Mexico
4—**ANTONIO GOMEZ**, Venezuela
5—**RAUL CRUZ**, Mexico
6—**EDER JOFRE**, Brazil
7—**RICARDO ARREDONDO**, Mexico
8—**ERNESTO MARCEL**, Panama
9—**JIMMY REVIE**, England
10—**JOSE LUIS PIMENTEL**, San Antonio, Tex.

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
CHUCHO CASTILLO, Mexico

1—**RUBEN OLIVARES**, Mexico
2—**JESUS PIMENTEL**, Los Angeles, Calif.
3—**RAMON BRAVO**, Venezuela
4—**RAFAEL HERRERA**, Mexico
5—**ALAN RUDKIN**, England
6—**FRANCO ZURLO**, Italy
7—**RODOLFO MARTINEZ**, Mexico
8—**USHIWAKAMARU HARADA**, Japan
9—**JULIO GUERRERO**, Mexico
10—**SALVADOR LOZANO**, Costa Rica

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
ERBITO SALVARRIA, Philippines

1—**MASAO OHBA**, Japan
2—**BETULIO GONZALEZ**, Venezuela
3—**RICARDO DELGADO**, Mexico
4—**OCTAVIO GOMEZ**, Mexico
5—**CHARTCHAI CHIONOI**, Thailand
6—**EFREN TORRES**, Mexico
7—**CESAR DESIGA**, Mexico
8—**ORLANDO AMORES**, Panama
9—**LORENZO GUTIERREZ**, Mexico
10—**VENICH BORKORSOR**, Thailand

JOE BUGNER FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

HARDLY had the excitement engendered by Joe Frazier's victory over Cassius Clay begun to die down than there was fresh perturbation in places somewhat distant from New York.

In London, Henry Cooper, the British and European heavyweight champion for years and years, lost out to 21-year-old Hungary-born Joe Bugner. Nino Benvenuti, once brilliant middleweight king, took a beating from Argentinian Jose Roberto Chirino, at Bologna.

Let it be noted in connection with the revised ratings that neither Bugner nor Chirino recently had been listed among the Top Ten in their respective divisions. This, of course, is all to the good, insofar as fresh interest and controversy are concerned.

The Rating Committee of The Ring and the Editor were confronted with the task of picking the Fighter of the Month, as between Bugner and Chirino, both having recorded outstanding achievements.

It was decided to allocate the citation to Bugner, because he had beaten, close as it was, a reputable and great ring character, an Empire and European title holder, and a boxer who in all his years never had had the notion of uncertainty created by any fight in which he had participated.

London assures The Ring that Cooper will fight no more, leaving him with a fine reputation and the knowledge that he always had done his best.

Chirino's victory over Benvenuti further derogated a fighter who had appeared worthy of a high place among the middleweight stars of all time.

Bugner's success landed him from nowhere into No. 7 in the heavyweight ratings. Cooper retired with a No. 6 location in the world listing.

As a result, the heavyweight contenders stand like this: 1, Cassius Clay; 2, George Foreman; 3, Oscar Bonavena; 4, Jerry Quarry; 5, Mac Foster; 6, George Chuvalo; 7, Joe Bugner; 8, Jose Luis Garcia 9, Jose Ibar Urtain; 10, Floyd Patterson.

In the middleweight division Benvenuti's defeat led to his demotion from No. 1 contender to No. 2, with Emile Griffith, former champion, rising to the No. 1 spot.

The light heavyweight ratings show the demotion of Piero del Papa from 9 to 10. He thus reverses role with Mike Quarry.

In the welterweight division there is a new entry, located in No. 7, in the Canadian Clyde Gray, who gave Donato Paduano a trouncing for the championship of that member of the Commonwealth.

Paduano, who looked so gorgeous as a boxer at the time of his victory over Marcel Cerdan, Jr., has slipped badly and is a No. 10 cliffhanger.

Adolph Pruitt has fought his way into No. 1 among the welters.

PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

Names	Pro Debut	Total Bouts	Won	Lost	Draws	KO's
HEAVYWEIGHT						
Eddie Casey New Bedford, Mass	9/70	4	4	0	0	1
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT						
Gary Summerhays Canada	4/70	7	6	1	0	2
MIDDLEWEIGHT						
Orlando de la Fuente Mexico	3/70	6	5	1	0	0
WELTERWEIGHT						
Eddie Parks Paterson, N.J.	11/70	6	6	0	0	5
LIGHTWEIGHT						
Johnny Summerhayes Canada	4/70	5	5	0	0	1
FEATHERWEIGHT						
Adolph Viruet New York, N.Y.	10/69	6	6	0	0	3
BANTAMWEIGHT						
Manuel Mendoza Mexico	3/70	22	20	2	0	16
FLYWEIGHT						
Dong Ki Cho Korea	10/68	19	18	1	0	6

"Take Charge," Sadler Tells Foreman, But How To Do It Fighting Frazier or Clay?

By TED CARROLL

WHEN everybody's choice for 'Manager of the Year,' Dick Sadler, mentor of heavyweight contender George Foreman, sees a piano, he can rarely resist the urge to tickle the ivories as he lifts his voice in songs of days gone by. Memories of smoke-filled honky tonks and night clubs haven't been obliterated by the plaudits he has earned for his canny guidance of the Olympic champion.

Dick doesn't need piano accompaniment for the song he is singing these days. It has a single refrain, "Take charge, George, take charge." The melody is muted and the lyrics undisclosed—although Sadler hints they have already been written. But the theme is constant—"Take charge."

The personable manager regards a Foreman meeting with Joe Frazier inevitable. He laughs off any retirement talk by the slugging champion. "A man would have to be some kind of a nut to pass up the kind of money a heavyweight champion can rake in today," explains the practical minded former song and dance man.

Lounging in his suite in a midtown hotel, Dick Sadler admits that handling a name heavyweight beats anything he ever experienced in the heart-breaking world of entertainment. After a revealing discourse on the uncertainties and the shenanigans of show business, Sadler switched back to boxing, with his idea of the attack Joe Frazier inflicts on his foes.

"With Frazier, you gotta take charge in that ring," he elucidates, "they can talk all they want about this style or that style, good boxers or hard punchers, Frazier takes care of all kinds of guys, no matter what they do. You know why? I'll tell you why. Once that bell rings and Frazier comes out, the first thing he does is show the other guy the ring belongs to him. It's like he's saying 'I'm the boss and you got no business in here!'

"Its worked with everybody, including Clay, and that's the real secret of his success. Even when he gets tired, and he always does if the fight goes any distance, because no heavyweight can keep up the pace he sets. He still bulldozes the other guy and gets away with it. But he's not going to get away with it with George. When they fight, for the first time he's going to be in there with a guy who will dominate and take charge of Joe Frazier!"

At this point I felt impelled to interrupt that 'taking charge' of Joe Frazier by manager Dick Sadler in a hotel room is one thing, but "dominating" him in the ring by fighter George Foreman is something quite different. Just how does Foreman —or anybody, for that matter—dominate a bull like Joe Frazier?

Dick Sadler smiled foxily. "I don't think anyone can expect us at this stage to reveal what we have in mind. But I can tell you this. George is bigger and stronger and I don't believe he can be bulled."

Understanding his reluctance to reveal any trade secrets, I responded, "I see. The song title 'Take Charge' is all set, but the words have yet to be sung."

"That's about it," the affable manager agreed. I persisted, "Frazier, who fancies himself a singer, may be yodeling a different tune from yours when and if he meets Foreman."

"If by a different tune, you mean something different in the ring, that can never happen with Joe Frazier. If ever a man was stuck with one way of fighting, it's Joe Frazier. You'll hear the words to our song when the time comes," countered the cunning Sadler.

"Well, so much for Frazier, but how about Clay? You were quoted in the press as asking for the loser of the big fight, and that's Clay."

"Clay fights nothing like Frazier, but with him it's the same thing. Dominate him. Take charge. Clay runs a lot but he still dominates his fights—all but the one with Frazier. Most of the guys he fought thought they were chasing him, but he's really leading them and they're following, not chasing him. That's what Clay wants. He's smart and he suckers them into traps and counters."

"How can you keep from chasing a man who retreats?" I argued. "What do you do, just stand there and let him jab at you?"

"Well," smiled Sadler, "I'm afraid I must give you the same answer I gave for Frazier. That's another trade secret, but I can say one thing. Against Clay, George would be very rough in there, particularly in close. In close Clay like to hold, and he's a very strong man.

I don't think people realize how strong he is. Frazier tried to keep banging away but he couldn't muscle him. George is bigger than Frazier and I believe even stronger than Clay, who's a real strong guy. In close George is going to roughhouse him the way Marciano used to do. The whole purpose is to make Clay realize that he's not going to be the big man in that ring. We'll be trying to dominate him every second."

At this point the ringing phone punctuated the conversation and Dick Sadler arose and excused himself to answer it. Pondering his replies I tried to imagine how anybody could take charge of Joe Frazier without slugging it out with him, a tactic which has proven suicidal for Frazier opponents to date.

"In trading with Frazier, Foreman might be given one advantage over the titleholder's past victims. The big fellow naturally holds his hands high in the manner of Jack Johnson and Sugar Ray, rather than like Clay, whose right hand low style made his chin an available target for the left hooks of Frazier.

"Boxing experts are in agreement that no fighter, past or present, threw a left over a low defense with speed, power and precision of Joe Frazier. Unlike many boxers—including some outstanding ones, George Foreman is not inclined to lower his right glove in the heat of battle and this could possibly be the 'saver' Sadler sees in a match against the champion.

Re-entering the room, Sadler, grinning, plopped back on the divan. "Sometimes I wish I was managing a guy with a family and ten kids. I don't know how it is managing a heavyweight contender who's married. (*Continued on page 40*)

ONE year ago, heavyweight George Foreman, the Olympic champion, was better known as a flag bearer than a formidable contender for ring honors. Now we find Foreman rated No. 3 in the heavyweight listings behind champion Joe Frazier and Cassius Clay. Foreman behaves well, he does not commit poetry, and does not exercise his tonsils beyond logical necessity. He is a young man to be watched. He has boxing skill, punching power, a sense of fistic plot and a desire to become the heavyweight champion of the world. Many of the experts rate him among the Top Three without considering the other seven pacemakers.

Foster's KO Of Carroll Repairs Bob's Confidence

By JERSEY JONES

SCRANTON, Pa.—The Syracuse fistic fraternity is convinced of the truth of that age-old theory that lightning doesn't strike twice in the same place.

The Salt City of Upstate New York had been hopefully expecting Harold (TNT) Carroll to become its second world champion within a couple of months, emulating the stunning performance of Billy Backus, who had taken the welterweight laurels from Jose Napoles.

Carroll, however, failed in his attempt to acquire the light heavyweight championship from rangy Bob Foster. He fought gamely but futilely before Foster flattened him in the fourth round of their meeting in the Catholic Youth Center.

It was the second world championship match offered in Scranton in 45 years, since May 20, 1926, when hometowner Pete Latzo relieved Mickey Walker of the welterweight diadem.

With profound advantages in height and reach, and two and one-half pounds in weight (174 to 171½), Foster carried too much of everything for his willing but overmatched opponent. But the Syracusan conceded nothing in courage.

Carroll was the aggressor from the start, tossing lusty lefts and rights at the lanky champion. Most of them missed. One looping right rocked Foster in the third round. On another occasion, following a clinch, Carroll threw the champion into the ropes.

Foster was not to be denied, however. He used his long left to peck away at Carroll's features, ripping a left eyelid which worsened as the fight progressed. Midway through the second the champion set Carroll up with a series of lefts, then dropped in a short but crunching right to the jaw that dropped the Syracusan for the first of two knockdowns in that session.

Carroll stumbled up at nine, but a volley of lefts and

(Above) Referee Mickey Gelb counts out Hal Carroll in the fourth round of his scheduled 15-round light heavyweight title contest with Bob Foster at Scranton. Carroll was the victim of a hard right. The end came at 2:22 of the round. (Below) Foster stuns Carroll with a right uppercut.

rights dropped him again shortly before the bell ended the frame.

By the start of the fourth the up-stater was bleeding from the rip over his left eye and the damage was aggravated when a large lump appeared alongside the optic.

Foster lost no time finishing matters. The champion stepped up his pace, battering away with both hands, until at 2:22 of the round he clipped Carroll with a short but thunderous right that sent the Syracusan collapsing face down on the canvas. The count was a mere formality. Carroll failed to budge as referee Mickey Gelb tolled off the doleful decimals.

Willie Gilzenberg, who operates mainly out of Newark, N.J., but spreads his promotional activities all over the map, acted as matchmaker for the show, staged under the auspices of the local Friends of Boxing.

The CYC, with its limited capacity, reported a near sellout, with 4,029 cash customers present. Another 400 driving from Syracuse and Binghamton were halted by icy conditions on the roads. The receipts were announced as $34,640.

Veteran manager Lou Viscusi was quite enthusiastic over Foster's performance. "This was the kind of workout Bob needed," said Lou. "That affair with Joe Frazier in Detroit took some confidence out of him, and he needed to get it back.

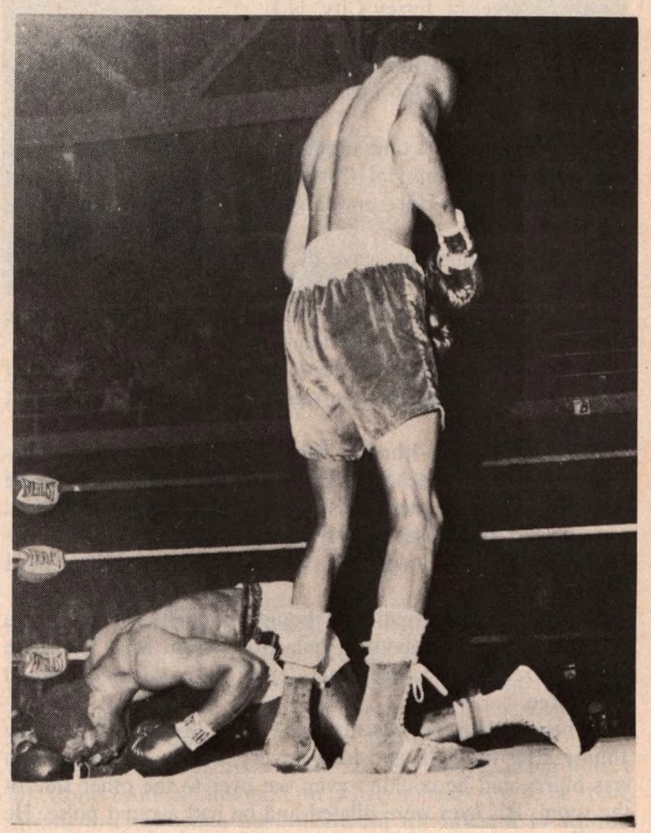
"I'd like to keep him fighting every six weeks or two months, and am hoping now to arrange a bout for him in Tampa, Florida. Unfortunately, there aren't too many local challengers available, but we'll accommodate anybody and everybody who wants a shot at the title."

The damage to and around Carroll's left eye required a total of 52 stitches by State Athletic Commission physicians Dr. Frank P. Colizzo and Dr. Anthony Neze. The depth of the damage inflicted by Foster's punishing fists reached three layers of flesh and had to be repaired.

The National Boxing Association's action in withdrawing recognition of Foster as champion and shifting it to Vicente Rondon was not taken too seriously by Viscusi or anybody else in the Foster entourage. "All the WBA has done is to stir up more confusion in boxing," said Viscusi. "But it may turn out all right. It gives us another opponent in a championship bout."

Foster has his hand raised in symbol of victory as the winner and still world 175-pound titleholder.

Carroll is going down for the first of two times in the second round, being swatted by a Foster right.



The light heavyweight king stands over Carroll after finishing him off in the fourth.

Rondon Stops Dupree But The Ring Still Backs Foster

By RANDY GALLAGHER

CARACAS, Venezuela—In this part of the world they call native son Vicente Paul Rondon the world's light heavyweight champion. He acquired Venezuelan and WBA support through his recent sixth-round knockout of Jimmy Dupree, of Jersey City, N.J.

New York, Pennsylvania and other important boxing centers refuse to go along with the idea that Rondon won the title and continue to support Bob Foster as the true and legitimate titleholder.

The WBA issued a time ultimatum to Foster, in spite of his commitment to fight Hal Carroll in Syracuse—a contest in which Bob stopped Hal—and in spite of Foster's having fought Joe Frazier.

The WBA stubbornly gave the title to Dupree and now it calls Rondon the champion.

There is no doubt that the muddle will be cleared in the near future with a Foster-Rondon fight.

In the meantime word comes from The Ring Magazine that it recognizes Foster as the continuing light heavyweight champion.

After the Dupree-Rondon fight, the American was not allowed to leave Venezuela because the authorities insisted he owed revenue department dues here. His manager, Mario Parisi, was allowed to fly back to New York.

The fight was followed by a charge that Dupree had been drugged.

United Press International thought enough of this charge to send out a story about it, emanating from Miss Charliese Smith, a registered nurse from Jersey City, who is a friend of Dupree.

"I believe Dupree was drugged," said Miss Smith. "I saw Jimmy after the fight and he was very, very weak. His vision was blurry and he couldn't even see over to the other side of the room. His eyes were dilated and he had a rapid pulse. He usually runs between 60 and 64 but I checked him after the fight and he read between 76 and 80.

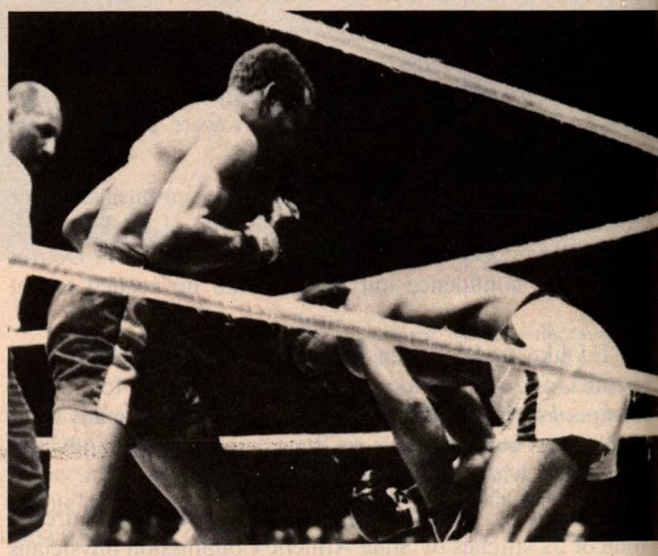
"I know of some muscle relaxants that can be administered in food and I am convinced that Jimmy was given something."

Rondon did not appear to be a championship type of fighter. He started nervously and was damaged in the second round, when Dupree decked him three seconds before the end of the heat.

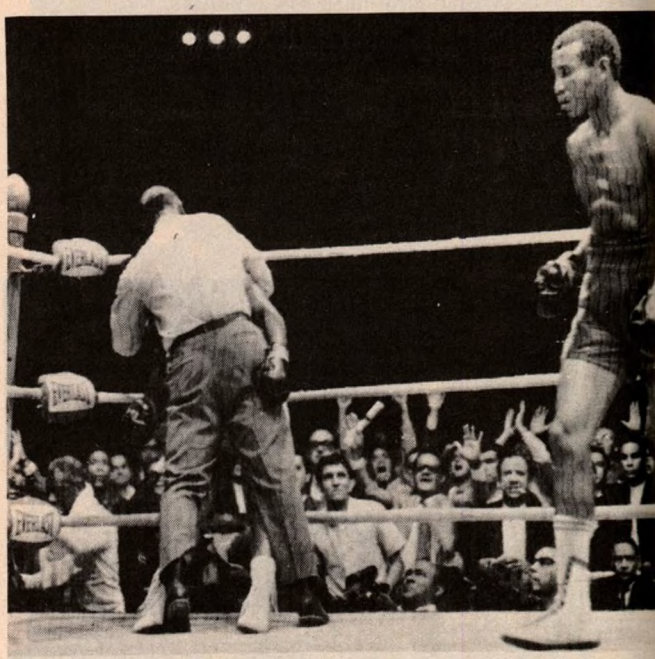
In the third round, Rondon (175) started a rally while the 10,500 fans went into a frenzy. Dupree started bleeding from a nose cut and a laceration over the right eye.

The fourth round saw Dupree fall off his early pace drastically. (*Continued on page 59*)

Here is the left from Vicente Paul Rondon (right) to the jaw of Jimmy Dupree in the sixth round which ended the bout in Caracas, Venezuela.



Rondon (left) attacks Dupree, who bends over after absorbing a hard left and right just before the coup de grace.



The fight is over. The victorious Rondon heads for his corner as referee Zach Clayton attempts to hold up the beaten Dupree.

The Chatter Box

By JOHN ORT

ODDITY OF THE MONTH — No one can ever say a Ring writer lacks courage. One of our esteemed colleagues, Bruce Trampler from Maplewood, N.J., entered the Ohio Golden Gloves to gain some firsthand knowledge of his favorite sport. Bruce is a journalism major at Ohio University in Athens, an area in which he covers boxing for The Ring. It would be nice to report a Hollywood-type ending to this little piece. However, Bruce did not go on to win the championship. As a matter of fact, he lasted only two rounds. Trampler's boxing career thus ends with a 1-1 record, which is nothing to be ashamed of when you consider that most of our so-called boxing experts' only bouts were with their wives.

Death didn't take much of a holiday in boxing these first few months of the year. The aftermath of the big fight in New York between Frazier and Clay indirectly led to four deaths. During the bout itself two spectators died of heart attacks.

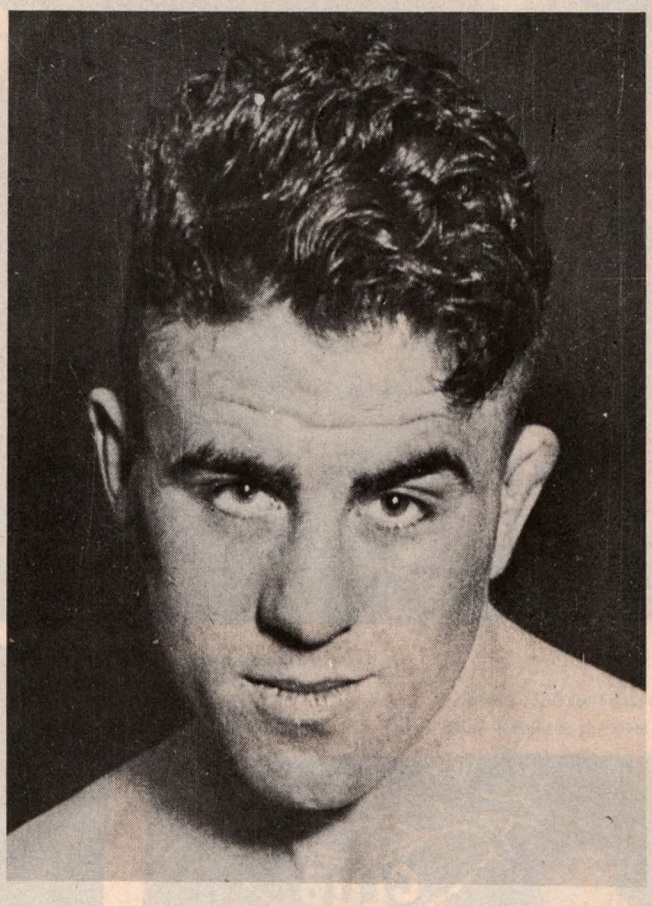
In Malaysia, police reported Abdul Ghani Bachik leaped from his chair in front of a television upon seeing Clay knocked down, yelled "My God, Cassius Clay has fallen," then suffered a fatal heart attack.

In Milan, Italy, Erio Borghisiani told friends he was planning to stay up until 4:20 A.M. to watch the live telecast of the big fight. His body was discovered in front of a burned-out TV set in his apartment. Police stated that Erio fell asleep while waiting for the fight to start, and was asphyxiated by the smoke from the burning set.

A great shock and loss to boxing was the premature death of ex-Canadian middleweight king Blair Richardson. He died at the age of 31 in New England Deaconess Hospital following surgery for a brain tumor. Blair was born in Sydney, N.S., graduated from Sydney Academy in 1958. He became interested in boxing while in high school. He began boxing at the age of 16. He traveled to Boston where Jack Sharkey's former manager, Johnny Buckley, got him his first pro bout.

He won the Canadian middleweight title from Wilfie Greaves on an eight-round kayo in 1962. Blair went on to win the British Empire title by outpointing Gomeo Brennan in 13 rounds in 1966, his last year in the game. He fought his last contest, a draw, on July 17, 1966, against Isaac Logart in Halifax. Blair also fought Joey Archer, Del Flanagan and Joe DeNucci. He compiled a record of 45-5-2, scoring 36 kayos, being stopped three times. Richardson was an alumnus of Emerson College where he earned bachelor and master of science degrees in speech. He taught speech at Northeastern University for two years before joining the faculty at Emerson last year. Blair was a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and also several speech associations. He is survived by his wife, Beverly, who is expecting their first child, his mother, father and two brothers.

Another prominent death was that of former world flyweight king Jackie Brown at the age of 61. Jackie was born in Ancotas, Manchester, England, where he also passed away. He began his career in 1926, winning the British flyweight title from Bert Kirby in 1929. He lost the crown to Kirby in 1930, but regained it from him in 1931, the same year he defeated Emile Degand to win the European flyweight title. He was the first British boxer to win the title. Brown won the world title in 1932 by kayoing Young Perez in 13 in Manchester. At one time he simultaneously held the British, Empire, European and World flyweight titles. He defended his world title twice, before losing all three titles on September 8, 1935, to Benny Lynch in two. He continued to campaign until 1939, but never again boxed for a title. His total record is as follows: won 97, lost 25, drew 7, KOs 36, KO by, 4.



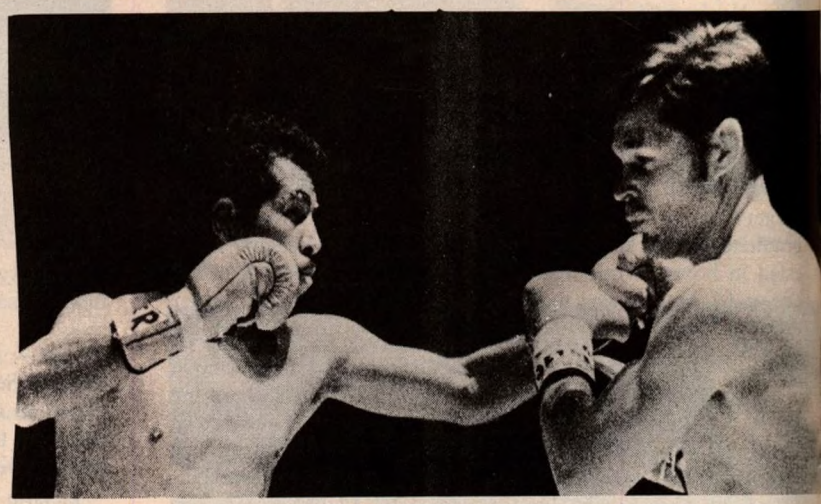
THE LATE JACKIE BROWN

Federal legislation to insure that major sport events can be broadcast to the general public on radio and television has been introduced by U.S. Rep. Charles W. Sandman, Jr. Sandman's bill would prevent sporting events, such as the last world heavyweight championship fight, from being blacked-out to the American public. Speaking on the floor of the House of Representatives, Sandman cited "a clear and growing outcry for Congressional attention to what appears to be a trend toward discrimination against all but the affluent to witness major sporting events.

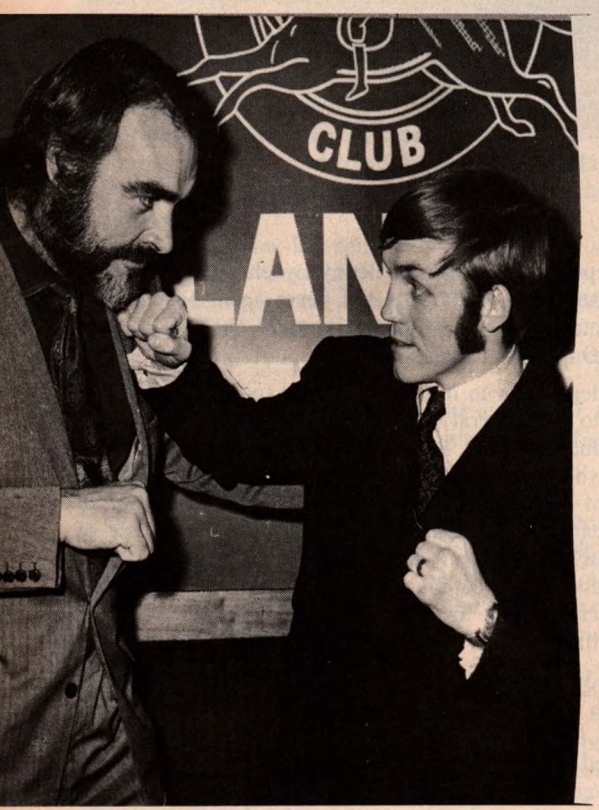
"I am concerned," said Sandman, "that there were some 200 million Americans who, for lack of the price of a ticket or lack of transportation or for a myriad of other reasons were denied the privilege of witnessing one of the greatest sporting events of the century." Sandman stressed that he is "all for competitive enterprise, for the right of making a profit. And I am not for nationalizing any sport. But I do believe that the courts and the Congress have been lenient with professional sports on the basis that they are are not merely businesses, but also worthy forms of public entertainment and diversion of our citizens from their (*Continued on page 39*)

RING CAMERA CLICKS

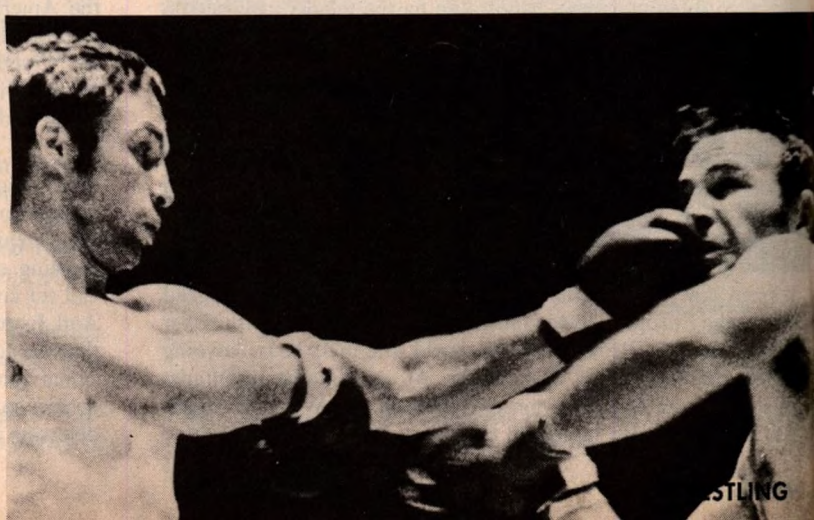
(Left) Billy Conn and Joe Louis greet each other at a recent salute to the old Brown Bomber at a New York restaurant. Louis stopped the former light heavyweight king twice, in 1941 and 1946. (Below) Denny Moyer (right) absorbs a left from Raul Soriano during their 12-round bout at South Lake Tahoe, Nevada, but went on to win a unanimous decision over the Mexican.



Don Fullmer (right) is tagged by Tom Bogs' long left during their contest at Copenhagen, Denmark. Bos captured a 10-round nod over the man from Utah. Their previous meeting resulted in a draw.

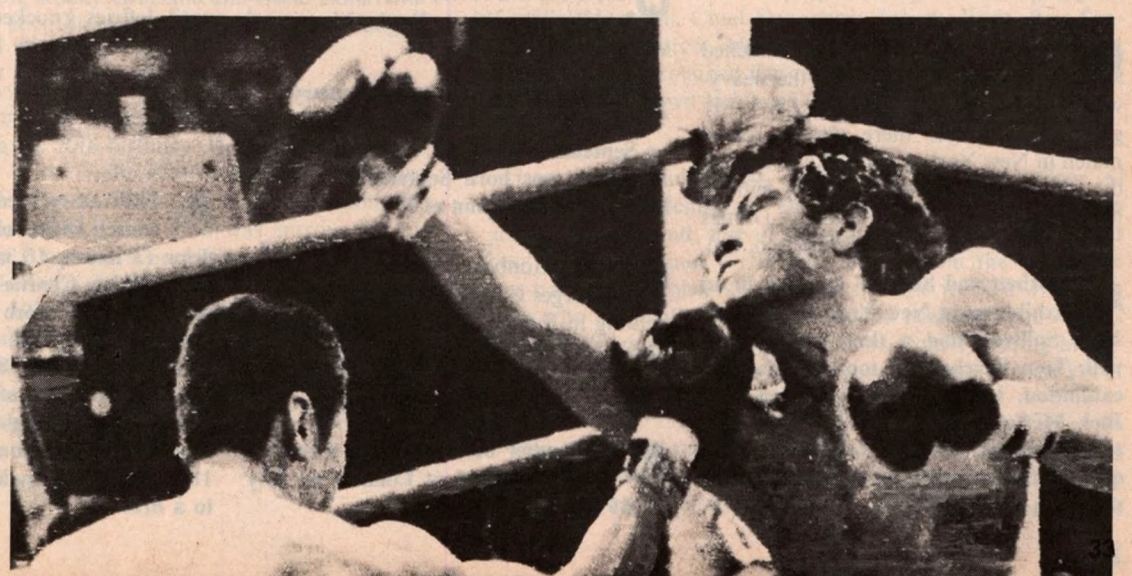


Alan Rudkin, Europe's bantamweight champion does a bit of friendly sparring with bearded Sean Connery, who once again will resume his role of James Bond, Agent 007, at the Victoria Sporting Club in London.



Present at a gathering to commemorate the 65th anniversary of the Alexandria Hotel in downtown Los Angeles are (left to right) Frankie Garcia, former welterweight king Jimmy McLarnin, Art Martel, Franckie Goodman, Slapsie Maxie Rosenbloom, ex-light heavyweight champion, and Rev. Curly Owens. The group is in the newly created Ringside Room of the hotel which for many years served as headquarters for boxers.

Japan's Shozo Saijyo slams a right to the stomach of Frankie Crawford during the first round of their 15-rounder at Utsunomia, Japan, won by Saijyo via the decision route.



Junior lightweight king Hiroshi Kobayashi of Japan lands a right uppercut to the chin of challenger Ricardo Arrendondo of Mexico during their Tokyo meeting. Kobayashi won a unanimous nod in 15 rounds, thus making his sixth successful title defense.

Q & A — Questions Answers

Q. What action did the New York Commission take against referee Mark Conn for his two failures to call the mandatory eight in Clay's KO of Bonavena? No announcement was made by Commissioner Dooley.

Abel Freitag
Brooklyn, N.Y.

A. Insofar as The Ring is aware, Dooley did nothing about it.

Q. On June 22, 1938, when Joe Louis knocked out Max Schmeling in one round, Brescia and Kettles met in the semi-final. Am I right in the belief that Brescia had been knocked out by Louis?

Jose Santamaria
Yonkers, N.Y.

A. Right. Louis stopped Brescia, Argentine heavy, in the third round on October 9, 1936. Knocking out Jorge was no feat. Tony Galento, Harry Thomas, Eddie Hogan and Elza Thompson also did it.

Q. Was Steve Hamas a genuine collegian? How many times did he fight Schmeling?

Dave Orenberg
Philadelphia, Pa.

A. Hamas was a genuine collegian, at Penn State. Four letter man. He beat Max in a 12 in Philly in 1934, and was knocked out in nine by Schmeling in Hamburg in 1935. That was finis for Steve's boxing career.

Q. I know that Jim Corbett knocked out John L. Sullivan for the heavyweight title at New Orleans in 1892. My grandfather insists there was a return match in New York. I don't like to contradict the old gentleman. Did they fight in New York?

Harry P. Dumas
San Francisco, Cal.

A. Corbett and Sullivan engaged in an exhibition in New York in 1895. In 1896 Sullivan had a three-round affair with Tom Sharkey. It, too, was only an exhibition. In 1905 John appeared with Jack McCormick at Grand Rapids in a two-round act. In short, John L. Sullivan quit fighting after losing to Corbett in 21 rounds.

Q. Do you have an American record for a welterweight named Dick Humphreys around 1936?

J. K. Llewellyn
Sydney, Australia

A. Humphreys never fought in the U.S. He showed exclusively in Australia, 1934-1939, after winning amateur titles in four classes Down Under. He was a lightweight. Outpointed Izzy Janazzo in Sydney in 10, in 1938.

Q. I would like to get some dope on a fighter named Waugh, who may have been Mexican. He fought around 1916, maybe as a middleweight.

Jack Trevor
San Antonio, Tex.

A. Bobby Waugh was a lightweight, 1910-1923. He was a tough hombre, Irish-American, born in Fort Worth, 1893. Beat Ad Wolgast on foul in six; beat Batling Nelson in a 20.

Q. I distinctly remember seeing Jim Thorpe, the famous Carlisle Indian football player, fight somebody in a ring in Atlanta. There is $100 on this.

Jake Langhorn
Los Angeles, Cal.

A. Jim Thorpe never was in a boxing ring, as a fighter, in his life. He never was a wrestler, either. He was a professional baseball player, for some time with the Giants. He also played pro football. What a guy he would be in 1971 pro football!

Q. What has become of Jose Torres? I understood that after his "fight" with Green he would resume his career in the ring.

Conchita Torres
San Juan, P.R.

A. Torres has retired from the ring. He is now a political commentator and essayist.

Q. How old was Jersey Joe Walcott when he lost the title to Rocky Marciano? What was Rocky's age?

A. Walcott was born on January 31, 1914. He was beaten by Marciano on September 23, 1952. Ergo, he was 38. Marciano was born September 1, 1923. He became champion at 29.

Q. Did Gunboat Smith ever meet Georges Carpentier? I recollect their fighting in Europe. But my fistic arguifier insists that they never met.

Harvey Demeter
Decatur, Ga.

A. Carpentier beat Smith on a foul in the sixth round at London on July 16, 1914.

Q. What was Jim Jeffries' weight the day he was stopped in 15 by Jack Johnson in Reno in 1910?

Tommy Dutreux
Montreal, Can.

A. Jeffries weighed 227 pounds and Johnson 208. Jeff looked heavier. He had come down from something like 270 pounds. The fight was a major error from all angles. But it did clarify Johnson's position as the world champion.

Q. My grandfather, age 78, says he saw Jack Dempsey fight in 1913 at Leadville, Co. against somebody called Kid Herman. Is his memory playing tricks on him?

Frank G. Sullivan
Denver, Col.

A. Dempsey had some fights in 1913 but there is no accurate information about them. His earliest fight of record is set at 1914, a 10-round loss to Andy Malloy. Dempsey was known as Kid Blackie. On August 17, 1914, Blackie had a six-round draw with Young Herman, at Ramona, Col. Could be this was the fight your granddad witnessed.

Q. I find it almost impossible to buy The Ring here in Paris. I would like to know who was elected to the Hall of Fame in the latest poll.

Francois Perrault
Passy, France

A. The recent election, told about in the February issue, placed Max Schmeling, Ezzard Charles, Harry Wills, Kid Williams and Professor Mike Donovan in the Hall of Fame. Max and Ezz came in as Moderns, Williams and Wills as Old Timers, and Donovan as a Pioneer. We are working on improving our circulation in Paris.

Q. Not so long ago your Q and A column said that John L. Sullivan was not world champion, and insisted that there had been no real world title holder until Jeffries knocked out Peter Jackson in three rounds in 1898. This surprised me. My pals and I would like an explanation.

Elwood Harris
Los Angeles, Cal.

A. Sullivan refused to fight Jackson. In March 1888, John fought a 39-round draw (3 hours, 10 minutes, 55 seconds), with British Charlie Mitchell, whom he outweighed by more than 30 pounds. An effort to clarify the world title situation had been made in 1860, when John Heenan and Briton Tom Sayers fought a 42-round draw in England. Corbett stopped Mitchell in three rounds in 1894, but his 1891 fight with Jackson went 61 rounds to a draw.

UP AND DOWN

Old Broadway

By SAM TAUB

FIREWORKS occurred in Jack Dempsey's popular spot on Broadway the day the countdown between Joe Frazier and Cassius Clay took place in the Garden. The place was jam-packed with celebs here for the fight extravaganza, including many Englishmen. They told us 300 of them came over to see the "Fight of the Century," the greatest event since the historic second meeting between Jack Dempsey and Gene Tunney in Soldier Field, in Chicago, back in 1927.

There was the former middleweight champion, Terry Downes, for one. A quartet from Bermuda . . . A trio, friends of former British Empire and European king Cliff Curvis, who came from Wales. They were Cyril John, John Godwin and Jack Sullivan, members of the Swansea Sports Club . . . Curvis started his ring career as a flyweight and wound up as a welter.

The excitement at Dempsey's culminated when Jack Sharkey, Jack's arch rival in 1927, showed up and they were both busy signing autographs. All members of the fistic gang were on hand including "Two Ton" Tony Galento.

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Before the fight began an ominous portent was given to Clay when his brother, Rathman Ali, was beaten by Dan McAlinden, of Coventry, England, brought over by promoter Jack Solomons. Clay's sparmate, Rufus Brassell, was stiffened by John Griffin, another Ohioan, in a pair of scheduled six spots. The Ring has covered fully the downfall of Muhammad Ali, our score being the same as judge Bill Recht's, 11 to 4. Should a return transpire, we can only see a quick kayo by Frazier over his rival who did show plenty of courage in their March skirmish.

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There were plenty of Hollywood figures around and one of them, our friend, Frank Sinatra, was in the first row of the working press alongside where the broadcasters were, operating a camera . . . The three astronauts who made it to the moon were introduced, as well as a flock of former ring men. Joe Louis got the biggest hand, while Archie Moore and Billy Conn were well applauded. Others introduced were Gene Tunny, Jimmy Ellis, Dick Tiger, Buster Mathis, Joey Giardello, Jack Sharkey, Emile Griffith, Rocky Graziano and Oscar Bonavena, the majority holding portfolios as kingpins when they fought.

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Former light heavyweight champion Paul Berlenbach, President of VBA Ring #21 in Brooklyn, was given an unusual honor upon achieving his 70th birthday. He was first tendered a dinner by the New York Traffic Club in the Temple Shaare Tora and the following night a surprise party at his clubhouse on Fourth Avenue, in Brooklyn . . . Paul was surrounded by virtually all Ring #21 members, including ex-bantam king Lou Salica, Paul Berlenbach, Jr., Sam Markowitz and Sammy Venti; also President Allie Zack, Syd Peskin, K.O. Phil Kaplan and Sam Goldberg, all of Ring #8, as well as famed trainer Manny Seamon. Incidentally, an added feature was produced by Brooklyn's John R. Crews, of the Collins Twins fame, who surprised with a flock of new members for the Berlenbach Ring, hailing from the Prospect and Bay Ridge Branch YMCA Business Men's Club.

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Heavyweight king Joe Frazier shakes hands with Sam Taub, conductor of the Up and Down Old Broadway column, as Irving Rudd, public relations director for New York City Off-Track Betting Corp., looks on.

Just for the record, another grand affair, lost in the excitement of the heavyweight battle of champions, was the 21st anniversary Lincoln-Washington double celebration of the Albert Snyder Association, topped by its leader, Deputy Boxing Commissioner Albert A. Snyder, held at the popular Melbourne Hotel in Ellenville, N.Y. What a three-day extravaganza they put on, which included honoring genial announcer Johnny Addie with a plaque and Yours Truly with a watch. Ex-bantam king Lou Salica and his wife Grace were among the packed house present. An added attraction was the appearance of Arnold Skaaland, of the wrestling clan, together with grapplers 'Gorilla' Monsoon, Chief Strongbow, Johnny Rodz, Pete Sanchez and Joe Turco. Monsoon presented the boys in short wrestling skits, explained various holds, and received a rousing reception at his own karate exhibition.

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Lost in the shuffle, also, was a postcard from trainer Al Silvani from Copenhagen, Denmark, marking his sixth trip across the big pond, five of them as trainer of ex-160-pound boss Nino Benvenuti . . . Silvani's business on the other side was training a Danish boxing team and also worked with Tom Bogs who fought Don Fullmer. Al, who handled Tami Mauriello and others years ago, gets his news from The Ring Magazine. He sent his best to the boys still around little old New York.

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One of the real reunions along the Main Stem, while the big fight was on, was the meeting between Joe Louis and his former trainer, Manny Seamon, who also (*Continued on page 43*)

PUNCH LINES

HAS NO REGRETS

I work for a living. Salary under $200 a week. When I bought a $20 ticket for the Frazier-Clay fight my wife accused me of unwarranted extravagance to the detriment of the needs of our family. I went to the fight, I saw, and I am satisfied. I would go for $20 again if they had their rematch in the Garden. It was a good fight. Not a spectacular one on the Clay side. He fiddled around too much. But maybe Frazier's punches produced the fiddling. It was a fight that produced good effects for boxing.

Don Randle
Hempstead, Long Island

HE IS DISGRUNTLED

I paid $40 to see Frazier and Clay. It was a good show, as heavyweight fights go. Clay did a better acting job than Scott did in the Patton movie. But I have no beef about the way the fight was conducted and the way it went. I do have a complaint about the Garden management, which had no right to make me, a regular patron, fork up $40 to see a fight for which the boxers split $5,000,000 and the price range ran from $150 to $20, with fantastic stories about scalpers and their take. Right out of Oliver Goldsmith's "Deserted Village"—"Ill fares the land, to lingering ills a prey, where wealth accumulates and men decay." Mr. Editor, we sure are decaying.

Trevor Doebel
Albany, N.Y.

ANTI-CLAYITE

I liked the big fight and I didn't like it. I wanted Clay knocked out around the ninth round. My two brothers are in Vietnam. When they leave the army—if they still are alive—they will be thrown into one of the biggest job rat races in the history of the United States. They were in the army surplus line when they were called. While they were wallowing in the Viet mud, Cassius Clay, charged by a Federal Court jury with a felony for refusing to respect the draft, picked up $2,500,000, out of which, he complains, he will have a mere $600,000 after taxes. Too damned bad! If the doddering Supreme Court lets him fight again, I believe he will last seven rounds. He has had it.

Ian Scott
Locust Valley, N.Y.

COULD NOT HAPPEN THERE

I stayed up the night to see Clay deteriorate before my very eyes. It was a fair fight and could have been a better one if Cassius had not chosen to rival Oliver as a Thespian. You Yankees are inclined to deride us Britons. But we are too sensible, too civilized as a nation, to permit two fighters to split more than 2,000,000 pounds with a viewing fee running from $150 to $20. The arrangements were unconscionable.

With all of this, we read here that your New York schools are bankrupt and teachers are being laid off. Well, such are the times we live in. I will not stay up all night for the return match.

Robert Halsey Forsyth
London, England

ONLY BOXING COULD DO IT

I saw the fight on a screen in New York and it was thrilling. The picture, in color, was spectacular. It was the kind of fight which achieved a crescendo in excitement. I picked Clay. But I have no complaint. He was whipped. Only boxing could have produced that kind of show, with that sequence of events, and, let me say, the kind of guy Cassius Clay, a.k.a. Muhammad Ali, is.

Forrest Clymer
Scarsdale, N.Y.

SOME CORRECTIONS IN FACT

A recent Ring relating to the Darcy story mentions that there were only four world champs from Down Under. I think you will find five. The one not listed was Torpedo Billy Murphy, a featherweight who won the title from Ike Weir on Jan. 13, 1890 by K.O. Also you say that no Aussie or New Zealander ever won an Olympic championship. A New Zealander, Ted Morgan, won the welterweight gold medal at Amsterdam in 1928. He recently died.

J. McCarthy
Manawata, New Zealand

"WE WUZ ROBBED!"

I was surprised by the split decision after the Mike Quarry-Kendall fight. Kendall won that fight and the fans at the arena thought so, too. Quarry was running and holding most of the bout. For a 19-year-old fighter he looked tired. I hope the next guy that fights Quarry, who I hope will be Dick Tiger, will teach him another lesson just like Kendall did.

Joey Mendez
San Diego, Cal.

IN DEFENSE OF BUMMY DAVIS

I was disturbed by an article in The Ring concerning the Gas House Gang.

You list Al Davis as some type of bad boy. This was unjust and untrue.

This article for a feature was certainly not well researched. What about Terry Young or Rubin Carter?

Al Davis was a good, decent guy. You didn't even explain that he was trying to break up the robbery when he died.

Davis had many, many chances to go wrong and make easy money in the Brownsville area but he chose honest boxing, and did his best.

Yes he was banned after the Zivic fight. But Zivic was the king of the dirty fighters and was slick enough to get away with it. It may sound strange but it was a tribute to Al's straightforwardness that he lost this fight. Al never dogged it.

Billy Stein
Canton, Ohio

ALL OUT FOR FOREMAN

George Foreman is the greatest boxer that I have seen since Joe Louis. I think Foreman can beat Frazier in 3 or 4 rounds and Cassius Clay in 5 rounds. Frazier is a strong boxer but his short reach and age won't stand up to Foreman's youth, strength and hitting power.

Jimmy Ellis is finished. Floyd Patterson is too old. And Jerry Qarry is no match for Foreman. Oscar Bonavena is a punching bag

Shelton Curry
Louisville, Ky.

HE LIKED KEN BUCHANAN

I saw lightweight king Ken Buchanan defend his title against Ruben Navarro. Although Ken did not send his foe home early he displayed remarkable boxing talent and ringmanship. Ken took a top lightweight contender and made him look like a mere ham-and-egger. I agree with one of the ring judges that Navarro won only two of 15 rounds. His only telling blows were in the champ's midsection, but those tallied about 10 in number.

As is the case of most Buchanan opponents, Navarro waited for the opening that never materialized.

Buchanan is the greatest lightweight since Carlos Ortiz and he deserves all the print that The Ring has so wisely given him. To beat the lad from Edinburgh one must him solidly. No one has yet to come close.

John Michaelis
Carson, Calif.

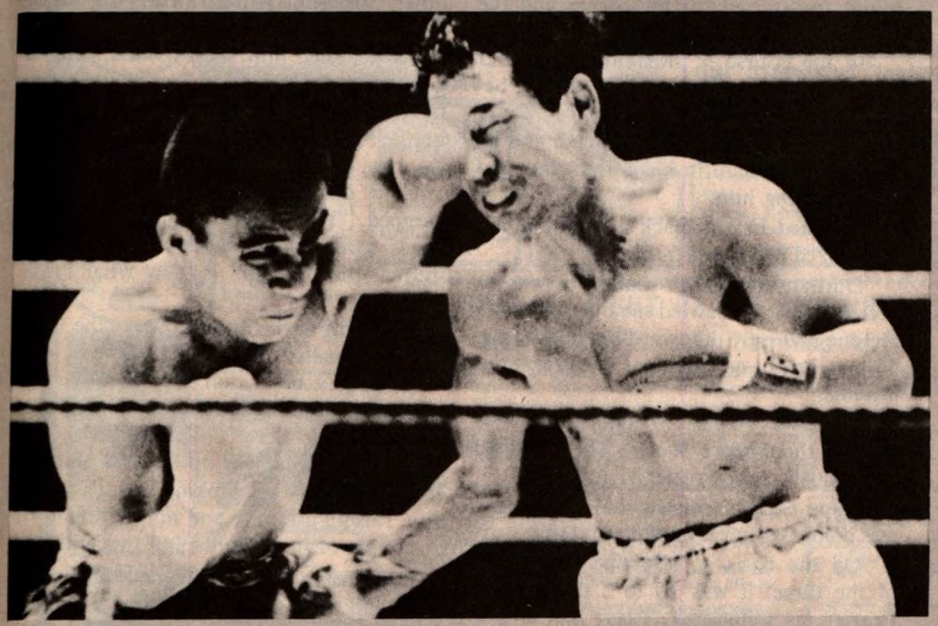
A MATTER OF OPINION

Cassius Clay did well in defeating Jerry Quarry after a 3-year layoff, but surely Ken Buchanan or Chucho Castillo deserved your "Fighter of the Month" award. After all, both of them defeated world champions and in your own words the Clay-Quarry fight was "a hoax."

Congratulations on your excellent magazine in which I hope to see Pierre Fourie of South Africa rated in the near future, especially as he has just defeated Carmelo Bossi.

Ray Haynes
Johannesburg, South Africa

(Below Bernabe Villacampo (left) connects with Hiroyuki Ebihara's eye during the eighth round of their 15-rounder at Osaka in Oct. 1969. Villacampo won, to become the W.B.A. flyweight titleholder. (Right) Masao Ohba, the man whom Villacampo is most anxious to defeat.



Villacampo Stalks Ohba For Revenge

By JOHN ORT

BERNABE Villacampo, from Manila, walked into the offices of THE RING, accompanied by Lope Sarreal, Jr. Bernabe was in New York, but his heart's desire, fistically, was a long way from Broadway, in Tokyo.

"I have got to fight Masao Ohba again," said Villacampo. "Now that my countryman, Erbito Salvarria, is the world flyweight champion, I should be challenging him. But he will hold. In the meantime I have got to wipe out Ohba's victory over me in ten rounds in Tokyo on December 14, 1968.

"I believe I am the best flyweight in the world but every time I try to prove it beyond the shadow of a doubt, the shadow comes up and something happens.

"I had a 3-1 year in 1970. But the one fight I wanted most was with Berkrerk Chartvanchai, who got a 15- round decision over me for the WBA title. I beat Raton Mojica in ten, and knocked out Seichi Watanuki in five rounds and Baby Corona in six."

"Bernabe's fight with Ohba in Tokyo created a lot of excitement in the Philippines," broke in Sarreal. "The TV picture was brought in via satellite, the first such enterprise involving our country."

"I have nothing but hard luck fighting the big ones in the flyweight class," Villacampo continued.

"In November, 1968, I fought Chionoi in Bangkog. After 15 rounds I figured I had won the world title. Well, they announced it different. Chionoi told me I had won.

"In October, 1969, I beat Ebihara in Osaka. I finished the 15 rounds in front to win the WBA crown.

"Recently I met Vitulio Gonzalez in Caracas. In ten rounds I got more points. A home decision gave it to the Venezuelan.

"You fight your way around and you finally get resigned to tough breaks of one kind and another.

"I have not fought in Manila of late because of the financial condition in my country. When the American dollar is worth six pesos Philippine, our promoters cannot afford to import name fighters.

"So we natives have to forage around the world. You forage and you accept conditions as they are imposed on you. You have the remedy. A knockout victory. But that is not always possible.

"I will fight Ohba in Tokyo, in Los Angeles, in Manila if there is a promoter willing to satisfy the Japanese boxer's demands.

"As for getting a fight in New York, I am told that Madison Square Garden does not know we 112 pounders exist."

Villacampo was born in Toledo, Philippines, on June 11, 1943. He developed among the amateurs and for two years held the feather title of the Philippines among the simon pires.

In 1963, Villacampo decided to go for the dough. He never has been knocked out.

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Ohba leaps joyfully after scoring knockout over Berkrerk Chartvanchai in the 13th round of their Tokyo contest. The victory gave Ohba the W.B.A. 112-pound crown. Erbito Salvarria holds the recognized world title after his defeat of Chartchai Chionoi.

NOT CONVINCED OF CLAY JEOPARDY IN 11TH ROUND SAYS REFEREE MERCANTE

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betrayed Clay's lack of stamina against a stronger man who had built up his condition and had demonstrated his power in a fast knockout of Bob Foster.

"I do not allow myself to get excited over a fight but I would not have been human if I had not been affected by the thrills, from start to finish, by the general magnitude of the affair, by the mounting fever and emotion of this perhaps greatest of all heavyweight championship contests.

"Let me discuss the fight as it proceeded from the opening bell," Mercante said.

"The first two rounds showed me Cassius Clay as he had been in his championship days. He danced. He was loose. He was pestiferous.

"But no matter what Cassius did, Frazier took it all without being flurried or visibly disturbed.

"Clay had to slow up, through compulsion. This man Frazier is a terrific puncher, a game guy, a persistent fighter, conceivably at the top of his form.

"In the third and fourth rounds I felt that Clay was slowing up drastically.

"True, he had stopped Quarry in three rounds and he had gone 15 rounds to stop Bonavena, with three knockdowns.

"But Clay lacked the vivacity and stamina of his title days. This was not the Clay of, let us say, the Patterson fight.

"Then the histrionics started. Cassius may have been saying to himself, 'This man is getting to me.'

"When Cassius got hurt, he put on the act of shaking his head and waving Joe off.

"All the time they were mumbling things. But I could hear nothing really nasty. I did not hear the insulting stuff Frazier complained about later and for which he was said to have demanded an apology.

"By clowning, Clay lost a couple of valuable rounds. Had he maintained an attack in the rounds between 5 and 8 it would have been a tough one to decide. But, Clay's pace was not entirely at his command. Frazier had a lot to say about that.

"In his fights with Mathis, Ramos and Quarry, Frazier became increasingly vicious as the battling proceeded.

"Against Clay it appeared that Frazier and Yancey Durham had set up a blue print which called for pressing all the way, no matter how Cassius conducted his fight.

"Thrice had I seen Frazier fight, with every weapon at his command. But this time there was a determination which aimed desperately at finality. This was the fight to win, and win it he would no matter how Clay resisted him.

"I had a brief encounter with Frazier, which he ultimately realized did not arise out of any desire on my part to handicap him.

"You will recollect that in the 10th round Joe started for his corner and the reporters became mystified.

"In the course of breaking a clinch I struck him with a knuckle on the bone below the eye.

"I was regretful, he was baffled, and he turned to Durham in his corner and said I was hurting him.

"I pushed Frazier back into action and apologized to Joe and Yank.

"Durham must have realized it was an accident. But he bawled me out. That was the one and only untoward incident in the 45 minutes, in my relations with two contestants.

"There was no basis in doubt for reviewing the three score sheets. They pointed conclusively to a Frazier victory.

"Some experts insisted that the scoring was controversial. I do not see it that way.

"On the basis of best two scores out of the three, it was 10 to 5 in favor of Frazier, as follows: 1, Clay; 2, Clay; 3, Frazier 4, Frazier; 5, Frazier; 6, Frazier; 7, Frazier; 8, Frazier; 9, Clay; 10, Clay; 11, Frazier; 12, Frazier; 13, Frazier; 14, Clay; 15, Frazier.

"In my opinion there will be a rematch in 1972, unless the Supreme Court rules against Clay's C.O. claim.

"I have been asked, who will win the second meeting if it takes place?

"I have my opinion. But I do not believe it is right for me to express it. I have said enough about this fight. It was a pleasure, a distinction to be the third man in the packed Garden."

Refereeing really is an avocation with Mercante, who is assistant manager of special sales for the F. & M. Schaefer Brewing Company.

The official scorecards:

REFEREE ARTHUR MERCANTE

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
C	C	F	F	F	C	C	F	C	C	F	E	F	F	F

Frazier, 8 rounds to 6 and 1 even.

JUDGE ARTHUR AIDALA

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
C	C	F	F	F	F	F	F	C	C	F	F	C	C	F

Frazier, 9 rounds to 6.

JUDGE BILL RECHT

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
F	C	F	F	C	F	F	F	C	F	F	F	F	C	F

Frazier, 11 rounds to 4.

CLAY LEGEND IS ENDED

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draft and the fact he is a Black Muslim caused the ring officials to be biased and influenced their scoring of the contest.

In a rematch, said Clay, "I want a referee from England, one judge from Japan and one from Germany. That way the decision would have nothing to do with American feelings about me."

Clay said he would be ready for another meeting with Frazier in seven months. Describing the man who decisively defeated him, Cassius said, "He's a good slugger. He hit me harder than any man I've ever fought. He's not skillful but he's good at his style. He keeps coming . . . boy, does he keep coming."

Clay conceded that he was almost stopped. "He had me going a couple of times. I was almost out. But I was thinking 'retreat, tie him up.' I knew what I was doing."

Referring to the knockdown in the 15th, Cassius recalled:

"I was hit but I don't recall falling, so it must have been hard. I remember getting up. I was alert.

"My life is locked up in God and not in boxing. All I'm thinking about is security, raising a family and not getting hurt. A couple of more fights and that's it."

Clay insists that he clowned during the fight and that "I gave away three rounds by playing around because the judges gave those rounds to Frazier."

According to Frazier, "Clay wasn't clowning. He couldn't move. Those body shots slowed him down to a stand-stop-still."

Clay admitted that the body pounding had a lasting effect, especially the punches to his hips. The morning after he could hardly move his legs and thighs, so sore were they.

"My actual plan was to stay in the corners and let him take shots to wear himself out. But I got shook. His left hook surprised me. He was constantly able to land it. It's some punch. But I still say I was ahead until the knockdown," declared Clay.

All that from the man who proclaimed the fight would be "no contest," and who predicted on the closed-circuit TV broadcast just before the start of the fight that "Frazier Falls In 6."

Clay insists and will continue to insist —mainly in the interests of ballyhoo and the people in Pakistan who felt terrible about his loss, but much more so for those followers who did not see him take a beating from Joe Frazier—that he won the fight and landed more blows.

But you could take Clay's taps, lay them end to end and discover that they didn't add up to one good cannon shot by Frazier which shook Cassius from stem to stern every time he lowered the boom.

Clay keeps talking. How can you stop him? But deep inside he knows he definitely was beaten on the evening of March 8, and that if he fought Joe Frazier 50 times more, the result would always be the same. That old truism, "They never come back," still holds. The legend of Cassius Clay is ended.

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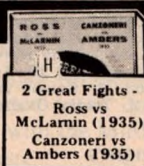

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THE CHATTER BOX

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undue financial discrimination on who can enjoy sports because of their monopolistic status, enjoyment of major sporting events will inevitably become limited to the rich."

Sandman predicted that the "financial attractiveness" of closed-circuit arrangements will force promoters of the Super Bowl, World Series, and perhaps the Rose Bowl, Olympics and other professional and amateur events to be blacked-out to the general public on the basis of dollars only. Sandman proposes that promoters be required to obtain federal permits before holding certain events. Primary prerequisites for securing a permit would be proof that public networks have had an opportunity to bid for the rights to broadcast the event and that the highest bid, if any, was accepted.

CHATTER—Drew Brown, otherwise known as Bundini, assistant trainer of Cassius Clay, is in a new MGM movie called "Shaft." He portrays a bodyguard to a Harlem rackets boss . . . Management Television Systems Inc., which handled the Frazier-Clay closed-circuit, also employs it in business, medical, educational and governmental areas . . . The new Paterson Armory boxing set-up has a TV contract with a New York cable outfit. Well known sports broadcaster Marty Glickman is handling the mike . . . Friends of Boxing, which promoted the Foster-Carroll light heavyweight title bout, put a big ad in the Scranton press to thank promoter Willie Gilzenberg and commissioner Chuck Bednarik for their encouragement and assistance in making the bout possible . . . Loren Cassina of K.O. Inc., a new closed circuit firm, hopes to stage three top bouts on one night in different locations for a boxing spec. They plan to use Foreman-Peralta, Houston; Griffith-Lopez, Las Vegas; and a Bob Foster bout in Tampa . . . Atlas Enterprise in Seattle, Wash. has started a boxing-dinner show at the Trojan Horse. The tariff is $20 a head . . . Not on the wires: Eddie Perkins winning a tough bout over local welterweight king Dorman Crawford in Costa Rica . . . Joe Frazier will perform musically at Lake Tahoe this Spring . . . Bad news out of San Diego says that Archie Moore's Clubhouse project in the Negro district of town failed. Archie, by the way, is doing a little wrestling refereeing . . . Ex-middleweight king Freddie Steele has a restaurant in Seattle . . . Rademacher is a sales manager for a steel products company in Medina, Ohio. Pete also referees in his spare time . . . Johnny Avon, veteran trainer, has turned promoter in Parma and Lorain, Ohio . . . Oscar Bonavena is on the shelf with a broken wrist sustained in an auto accident in Los Angeles.

MOLINA RUNNING OUT OF FOES IN COSTA RICA

By Levis Kanes Nathan

San Jose, Costa, Rica—Jose Molina, bantam from Venezuela, who has settled here, is doing splendidly. He has run out of adequate competition. Molina outpointed Hermes Silva, Nicaragua. Then he scored a sixth round KO over Rainaldo Mendoza, Nicaragua. His latest is a four round KO of Agustin Cedeno, Panama.

Alfonso "Pepermint" Frazer, Panama, stopped Arturo "Whiskey" Morales from Mexico in the fifth round.

Reappearing in Costa Rica the Mexican middleweight Rocky Garcia stopped Mario Valoyes from Panama in the fourth round.

Salvador "Lobito" Lozano, KOd Costa Rican Piel Roja Chavarria in the fifth round.

José Isaac Marin, has returned to Costa Rica. He has beaten Francisco "Toro" Coronado from Nicaragua twice by decision.

Salvador "Lobito" Lozano defeated Enrique "Maravilla" Pinder the bantamweight champion from Panama. After the fourth round Pinder refused to continue, having received a sound beating. The judges saw the first round a draw, second and third rounds a slight margin favoring Pinder, and the fourth round Lozano.

José Isaac Marin scored another victory when he won the decision over Diego Alcala, junior lightweight champion from Panama, a very close fight with Alcala having the great advantage of about 10 inches in height. Marin was aggressive and on the attack during the 10 rounds.

Since leaving the States, Marin has fought five fights, winning four. Antonio Amaya, Panama, beat him.

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WORLD-WIDE FIGHT RESULTS

For the Month Ending April 15, 1971

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Joe Bugner beat Henry Cooper, 15, to win British & Empire & European heavyweight title.

Jimmy Ellis halted Tony Doyle, 10. Jose Luis Garcia decisioned Charlie Polite, 10. Ernie Shavers kayoed Johnny Mac, 3, Steve Carter, 1. Terry Daniels lost to Tony Doyle, 10.

Mike Boswell kayoed Johnny Caruso, 1. Claude McBride beat Ben Sherman, 6. Dan McAlinden drew with Tommy Hicks, 10, beat Rudy Clay, 6. Jack Bodell halted Jack O'Halloran, 4. Tom Kocan stopped Joey Vasquez, 1. Paul Simonetti beat John Clohssey, 4.

John Griffin kayoed Rufus Brassell, 3. Jim Elder decisioned Charlie Harris, 6. Stony Land outpointed Tommy Simms, 6. Mongol Ortiz beat Jimmy Boyde, 10. Manuel Ramos halted Murphy Gorowin, 3.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Bob Foster kayoed Hal Carroll, 4, World light heavyweight title.

Vicente Rondon stopped Jimmy Dupree, 6, W.B.A. vacant light heavyweight title. Ron Wilson beat Larry Cruz, 10. Kelly Burden outpointed Alonzo Harris, 12. Lewis Boone halted Pete Knight, 2.

Roger Rouse beat Hill Chambers, 10. George Johnson kayoed Larry Carney, 7. Dennis McNamee stopped Stanford Bulla, 5.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Jose Chirino beat Nino Benvenuti, 10. Pierre Fourie decisioned Hans Schwartz, 10, Aldo Battistuti, 10. Curtis Cokes drew with Fate Davis, 10. Jose Hernandez stopped Roger Van Laere, 4.

Tony Licata beat Dan McAloon, 10, Jesus Avatos decisioned Denny Stiletto, 10. Gene Wells won from Leon Elzy, 6. Orlando de la Fuente outscored Carlos Salinas, 10. Toby Harrison beat Vern Mayo, 4. Jean-Claude Boutier kayoed Lonnie Harris, 5.

Fernand Marcotte beat Don Ross, 10. Tommy Torino halted Cliff Johnson, 2. Koichi Wajima kayoed Hideo Kanazawa, 2. Turtle Okabe outpointed Tetsuo Hoshino, 10.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Billy Backus beat Roberto Gallois, 10, non-title. Adolph Pruitt outpointed Lion Furuyama, 10.

Clyde Gray decisioned Donato Paduano, 12, Canadian welterweight title. Percy Pugh stopped by Adolph Pruitt, 3. Marcel Cerdan beat Ricky Porter, 10. Jean Josselin lost to Antonio Torres, 10. Buddy Boggs won from Ray Berra, 6, Elefat Talebi, 10.

Beto Gonzalez decisioned Eduard Mazon, 10. Huasai Sittiboonlert halted Yoshito Chirotani, 7.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

Bruno Arcari beat Joao Henrique, 15, W.B.C. junior welterweight title.

Eddie Perkins outpointed Dorman Crawford, 12. Lion Furuyama lost to Adolph Pruitt, 10. Ely Yares decisioned Chun Shin, 10.

Rene Roque drew with Cemal Kamaci, 15, E.B.U. junior welterweight title. Koichi Otomaru beat Eijo Okazaki, 10. Jimmy Robertson decisioned Ruben Navarro, 10.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Ismael Laguna beat Lloyd Marshall, 10. Al Ford outpointed Juan Montoya, 10. Miguel Velazquez drew with Antonio Puddu, 15, E.B.U. lightweight title.

Rudy Bolds kayoed Willie Stevenson, 1. Kenji Imai stopped Jesus Mariscal, 10. Mal Campbell halted Milton Grabiel, 1. Hymie Compos kayoed David White, 3.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

Hiroshi Kobayashi outpointed Ricardo Arredondo, 15, World junior lightweight title.

Frankie Otero beat Beau Jaynes, 10. Armando Mendoza kayoed Jorge Mejia, 6.

Jose Acosta halted Delfino Martinez, 5. Lorenzo Trujillo outpointed Nester Rojas, 10. Miguel Herrera decisioned Jose Llanos, 8. Vic Jimenez beat Esteban Olivera, 6. Ruben Navarro lost to Jimmy Robertson, 10.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Kuniaki Shibata beat Vicente Garcia, 10, non title. Shozo Saijyo decisioned Frankie Crawford, 15, W.B.A. featherweight title.

Ricardo Arredondo lost to Hiroshi Kobayashi, 15, World junior lightweight title. Sarutobi Koyama halted Takeo Harada, 10.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Chuchu Castillo kayoed Felipe Ursua, 6, non-title. Ruben Olivares halted Chung Park, 6. Ramon Bravo halted Memo Espinosa, 4.

Ushiwakamaru Harada drew with Ely Axinto, 10. Salvador Lozano kayoed Enrique Pinder, 4, Pirl Roja, 5.

FLYWEIGHTS

Betulio Gonzalez stopped Rio Mosca, 6. Octavio Gomez drew with Alfredo Meneses, 12. Julio Guerrero outpointed Efren Torres, 10. Tony Moreno won from Jose Orantes, 10. Venice Borkorsor kayoed Shigeru Taramizu, 1.

"TAKE CHARGE," SADLER TELLS FOREMAN, BUT HOW TO DO IT FIGHTING FRAZIER OR CLAY?

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but I sure know it's a headache when the guy is single and all the gals know it.

"That was some dame I never heard of who insists that she's a good friend of George's and had a long tale to tell. George behaves himself well enough, but he's a good-looking guy and women won't leave that kind of a guy alone. Another thing, you'd be surprised at the number of people who tell him that waving that flag in the Olympics will mean more to him for the rest of his life than even the world heavyweight championship if he wins it."

"I'm inclined to agree," I concurred. "It reminds me somewhat of Joe Louis donating his purses to Army and Navy Relief funds during World War 2. As far as the public is concerned that kind of patriotic gesture is good will insurance until the day a man dies."

The phone rang again. This time it proved to be Madison Sq. Garden matchmaker Teddy Brenner, and since orders of business were apparently to be discussed requiring some time, I thanked Sadler for his congeniality and cooperation and made my departure.

Although he is not quite as paternal in his approach to fight managing as Cus D'Amato, the late Pop Foster, or Yancey Durham, Dick Sadler is of the 'father image' school, but with more sparkle. In the latter part of his talk he had pointed out that Foreman had won the Olympic championship with less than 20 bouts behind him, in sharp contrast to the more than 100 amateur bouts fought by Cassius Clay.

Explaining the reason for the frequent charges of over-caution leveled at such managers as D'Amato and himself, he had said this. "When an oponent fights an established veteran with a reputation like, let's say Archie Moore, or Floyd Patterson, he's a little overawed and his main idea is not to get hurt. He can always tell people in years to come that he fought a guy like Ezzard Charles, for instance. No matter how he did against him.

"But when you throw him in with a young fellow like Foreman who is still making a reputation the other guy figures 'Now here's my chance, this is only a young kid and who knows how good he really is.' So figuring that it's his big opportunity the guy gets in the kind of shape he was never in before, goes in there to do or die, and this puts your young fighter in danger every time he goes in there."

Mulling over Sadler's last comments I decided that his position is a desirable one.

Foreman has a lot going for him. Only 24 years old, there is no one in sight at the moment who appears to pose any threat to his high spot in the contendership. He is a big boy and if he does eventually become the heavyweight champion of the world he will certainly look the part.

He is improving constantly not only in the ring but in poise and personality. He hasn't been seriously extended by any opponent so far and for a boxer of his limited experience the opposition has been creditable. Tough, ringwise Gregorio Peralta managed to survive 10 rounds with him, but Foreman appears to have come on since that match a year ago.

There is some unpleasantness inherent in the 'take charge' philosophy advanced by Sadler for his fighter, since there is a taint of strong-arm roughness in its application. There is a danger here of Foreman finding himself cast in the role of villain when he fights, a situation which is already developing among Garden audiences annoyed by the young man's readiness to manhandle his opponents.

If this negative feeling incrases among the audiences it will be unfortunate because Foreman, with his Olympic flag-waving background, his good looks and general likability has what it takes to become a public favorite. Sadler's answer to this would probably be that so far everything has worked to perfection; that his fighter is in there to win a fight, not a popularity contest, and a loser, no matter how well liked is still a loser.

So, unmindful of this sour note in his "Take Charge, George" refrain, Dick Sadler, singing, piano playing fugitive from the cellar night spots, sees no need for any change in the battle plans which have served George Foreman so well up to now.

WAS FRAZIER TOO TIRED TO KO CLAY

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Frazier proved in New York that he could hurt Clay seriously with his left hooks.

Clay left serious doubt that he could hit Joe hard enough for a KO.

However, Cassius did prove that he can deliver more punches, even though most of them were not formidable.

The way things go in boxing now, the cut eye is of paramount importance. Cassius worked on Frazier's eye to the point at which Dr. A. Harry Kleiman, from the New York Commission, saw fit to invade the ring for a look at the champion's aggrieved optic.

A long distance view of the return match granted that Clay still is available, indicates that Joe will be a favorite at something close to 2 to 1.

The New York fight failed to reveal anything new insofar as fistic techniques were concerned. As had been expected, Frazier used his deadly left hooks over a low defense. However, Clay was hurt a lot by punches to the head.

Clay proved, again, that he does not like to be hit in the midriff. A 100 per cent physically able Frazier would make Cassius all the more averse to taking it in the body.

Clay resorted to fiddle-faddle to the point at which he disgusted even Angie Dundee, the supposed boss of his strategy. Certainly the blueprint which Angie and Cassius laid out before the fight received little respect from Clay.

Cassius had to fight the best way he could, from one minute to the next, and that meant backing against the ropes often, and taking much needed rests.

Clay was game, killing off innuendos which had grown out of his fifth round lack of enthusiasm to go on with the argument against Sonny Liston the night he won the title at Miami Beach.

Against Frazier, Clay found himself in a position, before the world, of going down, if he had to go down, fighting.

It was, emphatically, NO SURRENDER.

When it was announced that Frazier and Clay would receive $2,500,000 each for their fight in New York, they appeared headed for Golconda, the Comstock Lode, the Kimberly mines.

But now, with various tax setups taking their bites, especially the New York State income tax grab, Joe and Cassius do not seem to be so opulently paid out of an enterprise which is reported to have grossed better than $19,000,000.

In all the excitement over the return of $2,500,000 to Frazier, with flashbacks to his $75 a week job in an abbatoir in Philadelphia, it was forgotten that he had a contract with a Philadelphia corporation called Cloverlay, under which Joe receives 55 per cent of the $2,500,000 and Yancey Durham, his trainer-manager, picks up 15 per cent, each paying his own tax bills.

Frazier, who is reported to be dissatisfied with his deal, is under Cloverlay contract to 1974.

In short, Frazier may finish his boxing career with Cloverlay participating in his earnings all the way.

That Clay sends a slice of his earnings to Elijah Muhammad's Black Muslims is reported to be doubtful. Clay's relationship with the Muslim outfit is loaded with secrecy.

If he ever was under a year's suspension as a Black Muslim, that period now is ended and Clay may be paying his dues again.

The tax bites with which Frazier is confronted are 60 percent to the U.S. Internal Revenue; 12½ percent to the New York State income tax; 45 percent of net to Cloverlay; 5¼ percent to the State of Pennsylvania income tax; 3 percent to Philadelphia's city wage tax. Which holds good? Hard to tell.

In short, Frazier, and Clay as well, fought for the tax gatherers, who dashed into the gravy within 24 hours after the fight.

The 12½ percent New York State tax —$348,000 from each fighter—is being fought in the courts, with Bruce Wright, of Philadelphia, representing Frazier and Cloverlay.

"The New York State tax, exorbitant in any event, is something new, and a serious threat to big time promotion in Madison Square Garden," said Harry Markson, as he was coming out of the anaesthetic.

"New York never before collected this tax from boxers or other professional specialists operating in the Garden.

"The Clay-Bonavena fight in our arena was big time, but the state did not invoke the tax it has grabbed from Frazier and Clay.

"If the courts uphold the state's right to collect this tax in the attending circumstances, boxing of big time character will be killed in New York.

"If the state's right to take $348,000 from Clay is upheld, Cassius certainly will not listen to my effort to match him with George Foreman. I have been working on this but that tax is plain murder."

No visiting athlete ever before was forced to pay a state 12½ percent tax. In California, which hopes to get a Frazier-Clay return match, the tax percentage is much lower. It was not a factor in the WBA heavyweight tournament.

That Markson had been working on a Clay-Foreman match was surprising, as it had been taken for granted that Cassius was under restraint not to fight anybody before he gets his second shot, almost assuredly in Cooke's Forum near Los Angeles.

Returning to the $348,000 stabs against Frazier and Clay, Markson added, "The New York State tax people called it a 'jeopardy assessment.' They grabbed the money before the fighters had an opportunity to file a return."

The broad inference was that if Frazier and Clay left town without paying the New York tax they would be hard to find later on.

MEET JACK KENT COOKE, WHO MADE THE BIG FIGHT POSSIBLE

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got off the ground, but it did force the major leagues to grant New York a second entry to replace the Brooklyn Dodgers and New York Giants franchises which had moved to Los Angeles. Thus the Mets were born.

A couple of visits to California convinced Cooke that it was the place in which his future lay. He became an American citizen in 1960, moved to Pebble Beach, then to Los Angeles. But not before he had bought a 25 per cent interest in the Washington Redskins, with the right to gain eventual control of the NFL club.

Cooke's business acumen again manifested itself in 1965 when he came out of a retirement to form the American Cablevision Company. It has become, in a few years, the biggest community antenna TV system in America. A merger with another extensive cablevision system, H & B, followed, and more recently a second merger of H & B American with Teleprompter was approved, making it the largest cable TV system in the world. Cooke holds more shares than any other individual or company in Teleprompter.

Cooke purchased the Lakers from Bob Short for a then record NBA price of $5,175,000 in 1965. A few months later, in February, 1966, he was awarded the National Hockey League franchise for Los Angeles. Work began that same year on construction of the Forum, which eventually cost over $16 million. It opened December 30, 1967.

Under the aegis of the veteran Parnassus, the Forum has hosted many title matches, including three between Chuco Castillo and Ruben Olivares, the Jose Napoles bout with Emile Griffith, Ernie Lopez vs. Curtis Cokes and the Lionel Rose encounters with Castillo and Olivares.

When not putting in a long day at his office at the Forum, the multi-millionaire relaxes at his $500,000 mansion in the exclusive Bel Air section of Los Angeles with his attractive wife, Jean.

On weekends, if the Lakers or Kings are not at home, one will find Jack Kent on his 38,000 acre ranch at the foot of the Sequoia mountains, 130 miles north of Los Angeles.

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DENNIS RIGGS OUTPOINTS ● JEFFERIS IN JAX REVIVAL ●

By Tom Ephrem

Jacksonville, Fla.—Two fighters wso didn't sit around and bemoan the lack of activity in their neighborhood did something bout it. They turned promoters, and fought the main event too. Thanks to Savannah's Gordon Lott, and Jacksonville's Dennis Riggs the boxing game is coming along in both places and this is just the start. Attendance is fine. Jimmy Riggs, brother of Dennis, shares partnership.

Making his first appearance in some time before home towners, Dennis Riggs looked like a million in gaining a 10 round decision over a game Sandy Jefferis, of St. Petersburg, before a gathering of close to a thousand fans at Maxwell Snyder (Duval County) Armory.

The local middleweight was to have faced Al Cook, Miami, who has a decision over Riggs, but the downstater failed to show up. Jefferis, smaller by height, weight and reach but certainly tall in courage, carried the fight to Dennis the full distance and though NOT winning a round DID win the hearts of everyone by his aggressiveness.

His style made Riggs come up with one of his best performances, a treat of snappy boxing and effective counter-punching. The Riggs left hand worked beautifully. Carl Sivers refereed capably.

The eight round semi had everyone in hysterics as Al Hooks, Miami lightweight, and Leon Gillyard (Sandy Seabrooke) pounded each other with gusto, from start to finish.

Hooks, scoring the cleaner shots, was able to cart off the decision, close but unanimous by votes of judges Chuck Steiger and John King and referee Sivers.

Charley (Baby) Fullard, the Fernandina Beach left hooker, used that weapon to take a six rounder from Jacksonville's Andrew Walton. Jackie Luke refereed. The contestants are middleweights.

In amateur bouts Larry Peterson, Jacksonville, and Jerry Mahoney, of Boston, drew in three; Danny Bacon beat Ralph Hurlbert in a middleweight bout and David Riggs outscored Al Ferguson, also middles.

Willie Wilson, the former Pittsburgher entrenched in Tampa, took the Moonport Mauler, shortened the schedule with Ralph Sanchious and George Holden. Wilson's aim found its mark in the seventh for a TKO win. Walter White, Tampa, secured a TKO win in the second round. They are light heavyweights.

Lorenzo Roberts and Jim Staley met for the second time as amateurs and Roberts came out ahead again. Bout stopped in the third round.

► Tampa's Three Musketeers, featherweight lightweight Hector McBride; welter- junior middleweight Tony Licata, and heavyweight Joe "King" Roman each moved a big step towards national ranking. The RING MAGAZINE Annual had them in Classification "A", which is getting mighty close. None has yet lost a bout in the Cigar City campaigning and competition is getting tougher.

Lou Viscusi, manager of light heavyweight champion Bob Foster, will have the kingpin defending the title again shortly. Foster halted Hal Carroll in his last one and showed a devastating punch. McBride is ready to resume his career now that his job has brought him back home. Trainer Bill Gore is high on Hector.

► **Savannah**—With local favorite Gordon Lott returning to the ring after a lengthy layoff and a participant in the main event, naturally a fine turnout would result, and it did. Twelve hundred came to the Sports Arena and saw Lott stop Pless Williams, Philadelphia, in the ninth round. Practically all the punching was done by Gordon. Williams couldn't compete with Lott. This he found out as the bout progressed and after taking some healthy shots he asked referee Leo Center to stop the match. Two knockdowns highlighted Lott's win. They're middleweights.

Amateur bouts were on tap, the Lott-Williams being the only pro go on the card, also promoted by Gordon. Mike Brigdon, 112, won a three round decision over Sammy Daniels, Brunswick; Eddie Sapp, 130, Rincon, copped a three round duke over Artis Jones, 135, Brunswick; Warren Sapp, Rincon, defeated Maurice Vick, Glynco Air Station, in a three rounder.

Jimmy Nixon, Springfield heavyweight, defeated Leonard (Bumber) Warwick, Brunswick, in a close affair, three rounds. Joe Dawkins, Glynco Air Station, earned a three round nod over Savannah's Charles Herring.

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UNDEFEATED NEUMANN ● STOPPED IN JERSEY ●

By Ronie "Burns" Bouse

North Bergen, N.J.—Jimmy Colotto, New Jersey's one and only promoter operating at beautiful Embassy Hall, put on a dream show before a SRO crowd as he presented two of Hudson Counties favorites. They were undefeated Randy "Candy" Neumann and Pat Murphy in co-featured eight rounders. Murphy engaged in a highly disputed draw and Neaumann suffered a Kayo.

Neumann, 197, Cliffside Park, returned to the ring wars after a six month Army stint, and crossed gloves with hard hitting New Yorker, Jimmy Harris, 189. The first round started fast with Randy hurting Harris with some hard body shots but let his foe off the hook looking for a workout. The second saw Neumann take the first part of the round but he ran into a tremendous right hand and crashed to the canvas, ref Ronnie Burns began the count over the stunned Cliffside Parker, who tried gamely to beat the count. He picked himself off the canvas at eight only to fall right back to the floor. The crowd sat in stunned silence at the sudden ending. Managers of both boys agree that a rematch is in the making.

The co-main event saw Hudson County's Pat Murphy, 149, get punched all over the ring in the early rounds by the tough Panamanian, Dino Del Cid, 148, Pat made a great effort in the later rounds which saw ref Harold Valan call it a draw.

The undercard saw Eddie Parks, 142, former amateur State title holder who recently returned from California where he was with the US Marines, and racked up 4 straight KO wins, score his fifth KO, over Jose Candelario, 145, New York, in the fourth of a sixer. In a pair of four rounders, Felix Figueroa, 126, New York won over Jesus Gomez, and Art Kettles, 147, New York, got the nod over Warren Williams, 145, New York.

► **North Bergen, N.J.**—The annual "Gus Lesnevich" Memorial Award, for meritious service to boxing was given to ex-featherweight champion Pete Scalzo. Pat Sullivan, Hudson County's Mr. Nice Guy, presented the award to Scalzo for his devoted efforts as a good will ambassador for boxing while appearing at hospitals, fund raising affairs etc. Petey, who is a deputy commission on the staff of the New York State Boxing Commission thanked Sullivan for the award with tears in his eyes.

► **New York**—Jersey City's Chas. "Emperor" Harris, 228, lost a six round bout to Jim Elder, 209, Texas, on the Frazier-Clay heavyweight championship card at MCG.

►**Elizabeth**—Trenton PAL won the team title for the tenth straight year as the 1971 New Jersey Golden Gloves ended after eight weeks of action at the Armory. All open "Champs" are to seeaction in the National GG championships in Fort Worth, Tex. in late March.

Novice Class 112 pounds, Terry Turner, Newark Dukes, won over Ron McMillen, Newark Dukes. 118 pounds: Tezon Robinson, Newark Dukes TKOd Pur Parker, Trenton PAL, 1st round. 126 pounds: Dan Daniels, Newark Dukes, outpointed Willie Santiago, Johnson AC. 135 pounds: John Speight, Newark Dukes won over Ernie Bullock, Plainfield AC. 147 pounds: Gary Freeman, Trenton PAL TKOd Jack McLaughlin, Trenton PAL, in the third round. 160 pounds: John Depts, Newark Dukes, TKOd Rich Hathaway, Elizabeth, third. 175 pounds: Thurman Perry, Newark Dukes, KOd Ray Bryant Elizabeth Rec., first round. Heavyweights: Bill Carlson, Dumnot AC, outpointed Al Woodall, Trenton PAL.

Open Class—112 pounds: Terry Deal, Trenton PAL, TKOd Fred Byrant, Trenton PAL second. 118 pounds: John Glover, Trenton PAL, TKOd Ken Hightower, Trenton PAL, second round. 126 pounds: Clete Hayes, McGee KOd Wayne Hedgepeth, Trenton PAL, three. 135 pounds: John Deal, Trenton PAL, won over Ron Brown, Newark Dukes. 147 pounds: Len Harden, Elizabeth Rec. outpointed Will Capuano, Clifton AC. 160 pounds: Lev Session, Paterson AC outpointed Willie Walker, Trenton PAL. 175 pounds: Mel Cherry, Newark Dukes, won by default from Peter James, Trenton PAL. Heavyweights: Larry Jackson, Elizabeth Rec. outpointed Pete Brodsky, Elizabeth Rec.

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OLD BROADWAY

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handled the same chores for the great Benny Leonard. Joe invited Manny to the party tossed at Les Champs by Abe Margolies for the "Brown Bomber," which was to be followed in Las Vegas by another birthday party for the famed gladiator.

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Ran into Joe Davis at the Al Snyder blowout in the Catskills. Joe, a Brooklynite, was an amteur boxer years ago and has been a fight manager for the past five years. He has a lot of prospects. His neighbor is Cain Young, who once managed ex-light heavy champ Jose Torres and is looking after Ismael Laguna, ex-135-pound boss. It was Davis who first introduced Torres to Young. Incidentally, Davis' wife is a school teacher.

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A chap you seldom hear about, who has been an inspector with the State Athletic Commission for a dozen years, is Hank Pierro. He boxed as an amateur from 1930 to 1934, performing as a feather, then a lightweight and finally a welter. Now 56, Hank has been a boxing buff since he was 16 years of age. While never a pro, he did fight many of the money boys during the bootleg days, meeting Johnny Gaite and many other professional scrappers of the time. Married, proud of his family, which includes four grandchildren, Pierro's business is that of sales counsellor for the Zenith Radio Corporation.

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Remember Jack Labua, quite a popular 147-pounder in his day. Born on New York's East Side, Jack, now 58, is a security guard in the Garden. He now lives with his family in Pelham Bay, in the Bronx sector of New York, has three children and is proud of his seven grandchildren.

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Glad to have run into Herman Taylor, veteran fistic promoter of Philadelphia, who has been affiliated with the sport since he was knee high to a grasshopper and for years was associated with the late and also popular Bobby Gunniss. Herman informed us he's still in business, although his operations are limited. There are, however, many other fistic impresarios operating in the City of Brotherly Love these days, or should we say nights.

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It was great meeting Admiral John Bergen, former top man in the Garden, again, who was mitting old friends, who were glad to see him.

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52-year-old Vic Zimet, born in the East New York section of Brooklyn, was a former amateur boxer and collegiate at City College. He has been a manager and trainer of amateur and pro boxers for years and developed many who turned out to be Golden Glove champions. Among his proteges were Schoolboy Bernie Friedkin, Al Davis, Izzy Redman, Curley Nichols, Paul Klang and Billy Daniels. Zimet, married and father of three is still active with the amateurs, but is also busy as boxing coach for the Department of Recreation and is a school teacher with the Board of Education.

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Broadway was sorry to hear of the passing of Raymond Ruffin, father of the crack lightweight Bobby Ruffin. He was quite a performer under the name of Teddy Hubbs back in 1909 to 1921, as a featherweight . . . His distinction to fame was that he once engaged in two 10-rounders in a single night. Among his bouts was one with Benny Leonard. Papa Ruffin was 78 and lived with his family in Franklin Square in Long Island, N.Y.

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It was a bit of irony that Jimmy Dupree, after trying hard for recognition and getting same from the WBA, was kayoed in his first effort against Vicente Paul Rondon, of Venezuela. Bob Foster, the 175-pound boss, even though defrocked by the WBA, is still the king and traveled to the Catholic Youth Center of Scranton, to halt Hal Carroll, of Syracuse, in four rounds. For that title match, which drew 4,029 paying customers, the champion drew down the munificent sum of $13,856.

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Ran into one of Irving Cohen's old fighters, "Irish" Eddie Brooks, of South Brooklyn, N.Y., whose trainers were Ray Arcel, Whitey Bimstein and Doc Robb. Met him with former champion Lou Salica in Ray Howe's famous Howe Steak House, 89th St. and 3rd Avenue, in Brooklyn, where he runs the bar. Former three-time amateur champion, lightweight and welter, from 1934 to 1939, Brooks turned pro in the forties, engaging in 22 contests with the money boys. Still lives in Brooklyn, in the Bay Ridge section.

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Ex-light heavyweight and now a comedian in show business, Steve DeLuca, 44 years old, still is a resident of the great city . . . The East Sider, while in the Army, boxed Roland LaStarza in the Garden in 1945. Stanley Joss, Max's son, was his manager. Boxed pro about a year, then joined the New York Police Dept. and is a retired detective, having been attached to the Burglary Squad.

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How many remember Mark Hough, who came here with his family from North Carolina when he was nine months old? Lived in New York's Hell's Kitchen. Now 57 years old and a married man, Hough was affiliated with the famous Salem Crescent A.C. After five years, he turned pro, invaded Australia and all told, boxed three years a pro under the management of the late Lew Meyers. Now working for the Webster Bakery, makers of "Darling Bread."

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A new heavyweight apeared on the New York scene a short while ago. Billy (Hurricane) Grant, champion of the Bahamas, who at the time we met him had an even dozen bouts with as many knockouts. 6'3", 218 pounds and 25 years of age, his manager is Johnny Amodei and his trainer is Syd Martin, who for years has been with ex-welter and middleweight champion Emile Griffith. Grant is working out at the Telestar Gym, operated by Gil Clancy.

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A popular figure in Jack Dempsey's is Harry Goldberg, lightweight from New York's Harlem, who boxed mostly as an amateur from 1930 to 1936 and had a few pro scraps. 59 years young, married, has one boy, Paul, and five grandchildren. His vocation, a bartender traveling on steamship lines all over the world.

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Rene Girard, former middleweight from the Province of Quebec, Canada, was one of the visitors to the big fight. Among those he competed against were Peter Jones, Doug Mann and Michael Parfett.

VILLACAMPO STALKS OHBA FOR REVENGE

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Bernabe is a family man, thrifty, well fixed. He is happily married and has three children, one a boy. He has no fistic plans for him.

Bernabe owns his own home in Cebu City and derives considerable revenue from a cocoanut plantation.

There is no history of pro boxing in the Villacampo family. He has one brother and no sister.

"I had an uncle who boxed amateur but he had no influence on my career," Bernabe went on.

"I was a newsboy as a kid. Whatever early success I had in the ring I owed to Tanny Campo, former Orient flyweight champion, my former trainer.

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ROMAN STOPS SHEEHAN FOR 15th STRAIGHT

By Marcos Perez

San Juan, P.R. — After a two month winter hiatus, boxing resumed around the island recently under the auspices of three promoters. Attracting the most attention was heavyweight Joe (King) Roman's outing in Mayaguez' Isidoro Garcia Park against relative newcomer Tommy Sheehan of Scranton, Pa.

Roman, as expected, registered his 15th straight victory, stopping the 215-pound Irishman at 1:31 of the fifth round. The scheduled 10-rounder was stopped when Hheehan was no longer able to defend himself against the swarming Puerto Rican, who came in at 198 pounds.

Not looking too sharp through the first two rounds, the well schooled Roman began scoring heavily with his left jab in the third round. Three consecutive lefts to Sheehan's head near the end of the fourth softened the Irishman up considerably. Roman, who bled from the nose in the second heat, nearly floored Sheehan in the fifth with two right hands to the head and followed with a barrage which was stopped only when the referee called a halt.

Some 2,000 fans witnessed the outdoor card presented by promoter Larry Cruz.

► In Ponce's Paquito Montaner Park, lightweight Alberto Jorge gained a measure of revenge over Jose Peterson by gaining an upset unanimous decision in a Ponce Promotions main event.

Jorge, not the puncher Peterson is, won mainly on the strength of his aggressiveness over the first five rounds. Peterson, who could stand to fight more regularly, knocked out Jorge in their first meeting a couple of years ago.

► Another main event upset was produced in the park a couple of weeks earlier when hometown hero Wilson Yambo dropped a split decision to undefeated junior lightweight Samuel Serrano, who notched his 11th win in a row.

Yambo, three pounds lighter, at 127, than his rival, practically fought with one hand from the fourth round on, having injured his right with a punch off the top of Serrano's head.

The injury may sideline the lean fighter for at least three months.

► Locally Gus Barres kicked off his weekly Saturday night fight cards, which are shown live around the island by WKBM TV, at the County Club Arena. Featured in the first main even were lightweights Hector Matta of P.R. and Dominican Adolfo Marte who fought a 10-round draw.

► **Mayaguez**—Heriberto Figueroa vs. Leo Cruz, draw, four, bantams; Nelson de la Cruz decisioned Miguel Rivera, six, bantams.

► Ponce — Alberto Jorge decisioned Dominican Martin Pueblo, eight rounds, lightweights; Henry Rodriguez vs. Guillermo Escalera, draw, six, middleweights; Tomas Rivera decisioned Nelson de la Cruz, four, bantams; Heriberto Olivares decisioned Juan Ocasio, four, bantams; Casto Ramirez decisioned Dominican Braulio Rodriguez, over 10 featherweights; Tomas Rivera vs. Andres Hernandez, draw, four, bantams; Danny Figueroa decisioned Jose A. Torres, four, flyweights; Adalberto Sievens beat Juan Figueroa, four, lightweights.

► **San Juan**—Hector Matta decisioned Venezuelan Julio Viera, 10 rounds, lightweights; Eugenio Febus decisioned Dominican Miguel Morales, six, lightweights; Andres Rodriguez and Angel Calo drew, in six, bantams; Jose A. Torres and Dominican Ignacio Espinar drew, six, flyweights; Heriberto Oliveras kayoed Aurelio Birriel in the first of a four-rounder, bantams; Juan Figueroa kayoed Erans Santiago in three of four, lightweights.

Angel Calo decisioned Andres Rodriguez, six, bantams; Jose Rosa decisioned Luciano Santos, four, bantams; Tony Garcia kayoed Dominican Evaristo Hidalgo in four of eight, middleweights.

PERKINS KOs CRAWFORD IN 10th IN COSTA RICA

By Luis Angel Sanchez

Lightweight Jose Isaac Marin defeated Francisco Coronado, Nicaragua, in 10. This was Marin's second win over Coronado.

Welterweight Carlos Lizano won a 10-round unanimous decision over Freddy Menocal Silva, Nicaragua.

► On another card, lightweight Bernabe "Babe" Vasquez, Mexico, 8TKOd National champ Victor Rodrigo in the ninth round. Referee Manuel Lascarez stopped the fight at 2:55 with Rodrigo bleeding from his mouth and nose.

Featherweight Joe Molina, Venezuela, TKOd Ray Mendoza, Nicaragua. The doctor stopped the fight in the sixth round due to cuts under both of Mendoza's eyes.

► Middleweight Rocky Hernandez, Mexico came back after a four year absence from Costa Rica, defeating Mario Baloyes, Panama, by TKO at 1:25 of the fifth round of a 10 round fight.

Bantamweight Salvador Lozano, Mexico, TKOd Roberto "Piel Roja" (Red Skine) Chavarria at 2:45 of the fifth.

Lightweight Jose Chavarria won a divided decision over Mario Castañeda, Nicaragua, in 10.

► Before a good crown lightweight Alfonso "Peppermint" Frazer, Panama, TKOd Arturo "Wisky" Morales, Mexico, in four. Referee Arthur Clark stopped the fight at 2:35 to save the Mexican from further punishment.

Featherweight Joe Molina, Venezuela kayoed Agustin Cedeño, Panama in six rounds.

Welterweight Carlos Lizano KOd Roberto Arias, Nicaragua, at 1:25 of the seventh.

► In a twelve round fight for the Bantamweight National Championship, Jorge Madrigal TKOd Marcelino Beckles at 1:37 of the seventh.

Lightweight Francisco Coronado, Nicaragua KOd Raul Manjarres, Mexico, at 1:50 of the third.

Featherweight Vicente Worrel, Panama. KOed Carlos Sanchez in 2:47 of round one. Worrel suffered two knockdowns before winning.

► At the same venue lightweight Jose Isaac Marin won a split decision over Diego Alcala, in 10. National lightweight champ of Panama.

Bantamweight Salvador Lozano, Mexico, TKOd Enrique "Maravilla" Pinter, National Bantamweight Champ of Panama. Pinter was awarded a "no contest" when he refused to keep fighting, because, as he said afterwards: "I was feeling in a very bad condition, when the bell rang for round five."

► On the last card for the month, Eddie Perkins, ex-World Champ, TKOd Dorman Crawford in 10.

The more experienced Perkins uade Crawford look poor throughout the 10 rounds. Perkins punished Crawford with his smashing left hook.

The winner gained the opportunity to fight Bruno Arcari for the world title. This was the first ex-World Champ to box in Costa Rica.

Welterweight Edmundo Leite, National Champ of Brazil, TKOd Ramiro Ruvalcaba, Mexico, in five. It was the best fight of the night.

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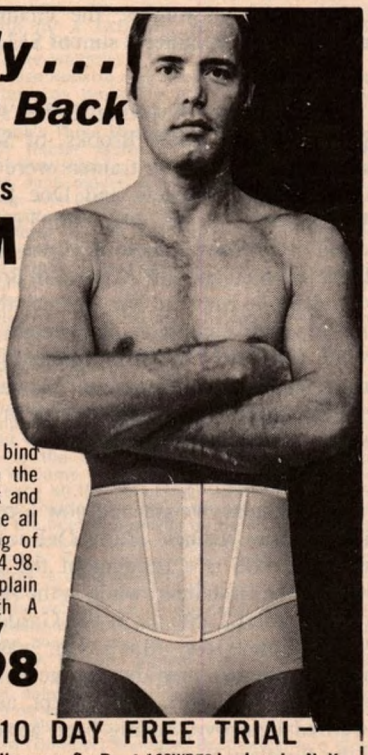

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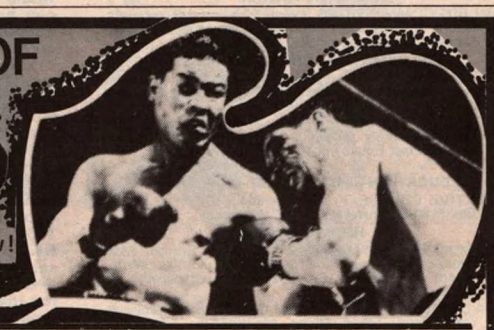

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ZYGLEWICZ IN POOR HEALTH

By Harlan Haas

Dave (The Animal) Zyglewicz seemed almost indefatigable as a boxer. He just never seemed to tire. He could outwork anyone on the roughest of construction jobs. He delighted in showing co-workers how he could push a full wheel barrow up a steep hill.

It is not likely that "The Animal" will be doing work of any kind for a long time. The tough 27-year-old heavyweight from Watervliet, N.Y., is in poor health these days. It does not appear that he will ever enter the battle pits again as a professional fighter.

Ziggy was some 90 feet up on the inside of a smoke stack some months back, and was chipping gunite from the inside wall where waste chemicals are burned. There wasn't much room, and it was hard work. But, then, that is all the rugged Polish 200-pounder has ever known.

As Ziggy tells it, "I began to smell a chemical of some kind. My eyes began to water, and all of a sudden it was difficult to breathe. A co-worker was a few feet below me and was having the same problem. We realized that something had gone wrong. We started down, and both of us passed out."

What had happened is that poisonious chemicals escaped when a pipe broke, and they drifted up the stack. Ziggy was rushed to a hospital where he spent a month under intensive care, and lingered between life and death. The doctor told him had he been an older man or someone whose physical condition was not as good, it might have been all over for him.

Ziggy's lungs were "more or less cooked." It was described as like having a terrible sunburn—only on the inside of your body. His nostrils were also affected. For weeks he could not take over a few steps without losing his breath. Oxygen was always close at hand.

As this is written,Z iggy is able to get around slowly, but his breathing is labored, and pleurisy has formed leaving him in pain. He is unable to work and gets a very small weekly compensation check. He is likely to be under a physician's care for a long time to come. Ziggy asks to be remembered to all boxing fans everywhere. Anyone who would like an 8x10 full length photo of Zyglewicz can have it for $1.00. The writer will have Ziggy autograph it for you. All the money received will go to Ziggy to help him along during his recovery.

Ex-fighters seen around Houston in recent months are: Ralph Chong the middleweight-light heavyweight of the 1930s who fought many world champions, Whitey Berlier, ex-Texas heavyweight champ who met such as Turkey Thompson, Joey Maxim, Jerry McSwain, Tommy Gomez, Dolph Quijano, Tunney Hunsacker, and many others (both Ralph and Whitey are long time seamen); Jesse Ramos, one of the toughest featherweights to over come out of Houston who was active from 1938-1946, who is now a general foreman for the B&J Construction Co., and doing very well for himself; Jeff Davis, former outstanding heavyweight who boxed the best big men in the business during the 1960s, including Cassius Clay twice as an amateur, as well as Joe Frazier, Karl Mildenberger, Henry Cooper, Zora Folley, Ernie Terrell, Albert Westphal, Chad Spencer, Billy Daniels, and many others, Jeff is now working for the Teamsters; Bobby Garcia, one-time lightweight who met such as Tony Canzoneri, Baby Saban, and Freddy (Red) Cochrane to name a few, is bothered by severe arthritis and a bad back. Bobby is now 62. J. D. Turner, towering heavyweight from Dallas who boxed during the 1930's and early 1940s, was a recent Houston visitor.

►Houston's version of "mod squad" is Kenny Weldon, self-styled Little Mongoose; Sweet Raymond Boyd, the infamous Pink Panther; and Frankie Castillo, bushy-haired former Texas Golden Glove middleweight king and All-Army champ. You are likely to see all with long sideburns, shaggy hair, and mustaches. In addition, all three are outstanding young pros. Weldon is the Texas featherweight champ with wins over such as Ramiro Hernandez, Tommy Fix, Augustino Moreno, Nat Jackson, Eliseo Estrada, Chuy Rocha, and Arturo Cuellar, to name but a few. Boyd, the poetry spouting wildman of a welterweight, hasn't tasted defeat in 15 pro starts. Castillo, a lanky young 160 pounder with a thunderous punch, is labeled as one of the very finest prospects in the Lone Star State.

► Some of the fighters training at the Texas Boxing Gym in downtown Houston are Johnny (The Mad) Baldwin, Sweet Raymond Boyd, Kenny Weldon, Frankie Castillo, Lorenzo (Boom Boom) Trujillo, Melvin Dennis, Margarito (Chico) Garcia, Sherman Goodman, Eddie Gray, Jesse Alaniz, Connie Paley, Melvin Mott, Gilbert Avalos, Pete Alvarado, and welter contender Manuel Gonzalez. Hotshot amateurs to be seen going thru their paces in the same gym are Johnny Boudreaux, Joe Santos, Joe and Danny Dannato, Big Jim Erbstoesser, Bobby Gonzales, Salvador DeLeon, Johnny Montagne, Delbert Landry and many others

► Congratulations to Johnny Boudreaux, new Texas Golden Glove lightheavy champion. He is handled by Robert Bish and Martin Henrich. The tall, young 18-year-old 175 pounder is a very flashy boxer who is capable of beating any of the top light heavy amateurs in the world. Johnny is a 1972 Olympic hopeful.

► The 1971 amateur team from Houston was somewhat of a surprise in the State Golden Glove tournament held in Fort Worth, as it tied with Fort Worth for team honors. Representing Houston were Joel Ramirez, flyweight of Magnolia Y; Coltin Levine, bantam from Red Shield Boy's Club; David Martinez, feather of Magnolia Y; Mike Williams, lightweight of the Tommy Blair Boxing Club; Ronnie Blair, light welter of Tommy Blair Boxing Club; Ruben Nuncio, welter from Magnolia Y; Delbert Landry, light middle of League City; Jimmy Sullivan, a former national middleweight champ from Louisville who now attends Texas Southern University on a track scholarship; Johnny Boudreaux, the light heavy from Downtown Boxing Club; and Elroy Thomas, heavyweight from Progressive Amateur Boxing Club. Boudreaux was the only champion, but Williams, Blair, Nuncio, Martinez, Ramirez, and Sullivan won their share of bouts.

► The closed circuit telecast of the Clay-Frazier fight did 17,500 turn-away crowd in Houston at prices of $10 and $12.50.

MARCOTTE WINS TWO MORE AS QUEBEC CUSTOMERS CHEER

By Louis F. Belanger

Quebec, Can.—Fernand Marcotte, Jr., 147, has picked up his eighth and ninth wins without a loss as a pro boxer. He hammered out a 10 round unanimous decision over Montreal's veteran Jack Clements, 153.

Clements, an experienced fighter, held command in the early stages but Marcotte opened up in the seventh and had his opponent in trouble. In the last three rounds he held control of the bout.

Marcotte didn't have it all his own way and was in trouble especially in the fourth round when Clements landed two hard left hooks that brought blood to his nose.

Of Marcotte's eight victories five have been by knockouts.

In the 10-round semi-final, welter Walter Arseneault put away Serge Proulx, Montreal, TKO in six.

Pierre Deschênes, Quebec, 136, former Canadian Golden Gloves champion, carded his fifth KO in 6 pro bouts, flattening Frank Arseneault in 2:03 of the second round.

Marcotte booster his ring prestige by hammering out a unanimous decision over Don Ross, Toronto, at the Pavillon de la Jeunesse (Old Coleseum) before 2,500. Judge Frank Belanger marked it 50-41 for the local boy; Michel Belleau had it 49-46, and former boxer Gerry O'Brien had it 48-44.

It was quite a fight and it marked Marcotte's ninth win without a loss since he turned Pro. Ross, because of his vast experience, was the favorite and for a while around the middle of the bout it looked as though he might pull out a win. However, Marcotte closed strongly from the sixth roudn on to earn the nod from all three judges. Marcotte took the first two rounds. The crowd booed Ross when he took a couple of shots at his opponent after the bell. In the third Ross landed a hard right that brought blood to Marcotte's nose.

Ross held command in the third, fourth and fifth, but in the sixth Marcotte started to box around Ross and peppered him with snappy left jabs and a hard right hand that opened a cut on Ross's left eye and continued to pile up points until the final bell.

It was a big win for Marcotte who weights 147 to Ross who weighs 145¼. It was one of the best fights seen in Quebec City for the last 20 years.

Paul Tope, Quebec City, 126, won by a TKO over veteran Jean Leroux, 129, France, at 2:39 of the fourth round. It marked Tope's third straight win as a Pro. The first two rounds were fairly even, Tope rocking his opponent with stabbing jabs and a good right cross, it was all over in the fourth with Leroux hanging on the ropes helplessly.

In another 10-rounder, Luigi Colavita, 153, Montreal, easily won by decision over Leo Richard, 165, Quebec City.

In the semi-final bout Pierre Deschênes, 137, Quebec City, scored a second round KO at 1:36 over Frank Arseneault.

Reports have it that Marcotte was injured in an auto accident in Georgia, on his way to Miami.

BOXING QUIZ

1. **Which was the first world heavyweight championship fight that was televised?**
   Ans: Joe Louis vs. Jersey Joe Walcott on Dec. 5, 1947 at Madison Square Garden, New York City.
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3. **Who was the first Jewish fighter?**
   Ans: Daniel Mendoza who started boxing in 1784.
4. **Which fight holds knockdown record for a single fight?**
   Ans: Battling Nelson (7) vs Christy Williams (42) for a total of 49 knockdowns. Dec. 26, 1902.
5. **What was the longest held title in featherweight class?**
   Ans: Johnny Kilbane—11 years and 3½ months (February 22, 1912 to June 2, 1923).
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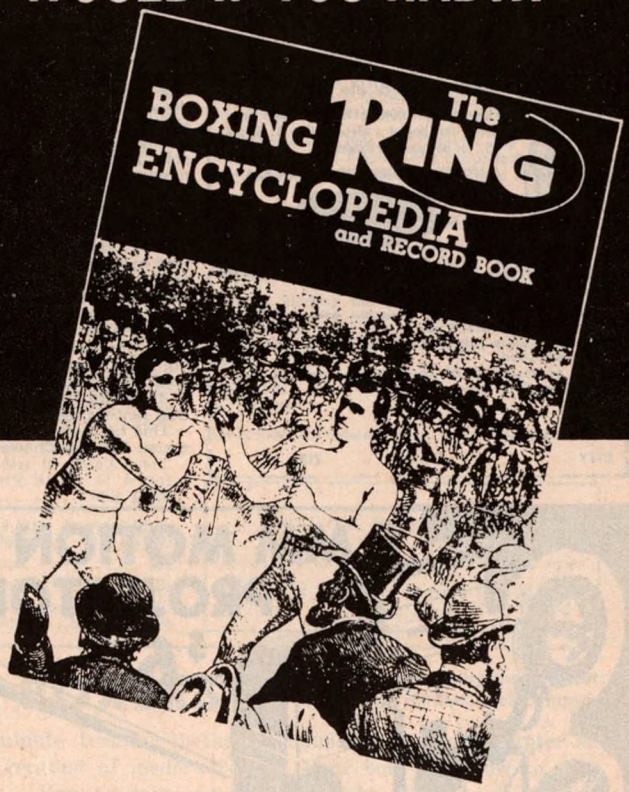

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AL FORD'S NO. 36 MAKES ● MONTOYA PASS OUT IN 6 ●

By Paulie Cook

Portland, Ore.—Al Ford, 133, Edmonton, Canada, kept his undefeated record in tact with his 36th win. His opponent, Juan Montoya, Mexico, was not in the same class with Ford. Montoya tried to make a fight of it, but the speedy Ford was just to much for the game, well conditioned fighter from South of the Border. The exit march came in six.

Ford rained punches all over the head and body of his adversary. He landed combinations that were put together with the skill of an expert sharpshooter. It was a nip and tuck battle with Ford doing all the work.

Fighters less game would not have lasted so long as Montoya. He was up against unsurmountable odds. Montoya looks like a fighter and has all the moves of a fighter but will have to pick opponents in a lower class than Al Ford.

In the eight round semi-windup, Tony Jacobs, 156, Portland maintained his undefeated string with a one-sided decision over trial horse Maurice Rice, Seattle. Jacobs is a fine looking middleweight and would like to fight Denny Moyer. He is a Southpaw and has 10 in a row.

Ray Lampkin, 146, Portland KOd Andy Anderson, 144, Seattle in the seventh. Anderson announced his retirement.

In another middleweight bout Indian George Davis, 159, TKOed Tony McDaniels, 162, in the third round.

► Gary "Hobo" Wiler, who has frequent eye cuts and never seems to really get healed, fought a technical draw in a bout he could have won with Lee Estes. "Hobo" who has more fans than any other fighter in the Northwest because he always gives the customers a run for their money.

He was well on the way to a victory after decking Estes when a cut appeared over the left eye. Estes had a cut over the right eye and at the end of the third round the attending physician ruled that neither fighter could continue.

This fight was scheduled for the six-round limit on a George Chermerus show at the Seattle Downtown Gym.

Results for the rest of the card:

Middleweights: Keith Neuman TKOd Dick Johnson in the second round. Lightheavies: Doug Troyer TKOd Tom McDonald in the second round. Paperweights: Dave Knight decisioned Randy Cole in three; George Miller decisioned Mike Lee in three; Joe Cowdery TKO over Junior Colacurcio in round number two.

► Boone Kirkman's shoulder had a hair line crack. He plans to resume fighting as soon as it mends. He received this while working out in the gym with "Hobo" Wiler.

Watch for a featherweight named Freddie Wellman, a southpaw. In his first pro bout he gave Gary Ferrari just about all that could be expected. He is 21 years old. He decked Ferrari in the second round.

► **Tacoma**—Mike Lankester of Seattle, former stablemate of Boone Kirkman, handed Dave "Hardrock" Rogers a onesided defeat. Rogers, just as tough as his moniker sounds, stood up under some highty hard right hands. He was in trouble from the first round until the finish. Rogers was a substitute for Jimmy McGowen, a middleweight who was stopped at the Canadian-Washington Border for a technicality according to his manager Al Principi.

Inigo Lucchesi, promoter, called Jack Fellows, Rogers' business agent to see if he had a suitable opponent to replace McGowen against Lankester. When Fellows finally located Rogers, he was in Roseberg, Oregon. He was out of training and had not been near a gym for months. However, Fellows and Rogers drove the distance of over 500 miles.

Although Rogers was down twice, he had the much rated Lankester in trouble on one occasion. Rogers challenged Lankester to a return bout in 6 weeks so he would have a chance to get himself into condition.

Billy Rogers, 160, Dave's brother, had some trouble with Dowling, 157, and showed the youngster who is just 20 years old that he should follof instructions. Rogers was behind on at least one of the judges scorecards when referee Jack Ableman halted the bout in the seventh round of the eight round semi-final in his favor.

Freddie Wellman, 129, and Steve Flajole really gave the fans what they came for. Flajole proved tougher than most of the experts had figured. He dumped the highly touted Washingtonian with a right hand smack on the button that upended Wellman and left him sitting on his silk panties. These young boxers are in demand for a return all the way from North Bend, Oregon to Anchorage, Alaska.

Pat McMutry, referee, had it 59-57 Wellman and the judges called it a draw, thus it was officially a draw by majority vote.

► **Seattle**—Indian George Davis, 159½, Oakland middleweight, and Les Riggins, 160, Seattle, thrilled fans at the newly formed Action Boxing Club, with a 10 round draw. Bob Decker and Larry Van Dyke who are rookies gave the fans a show that will be talked about for a long time.

The Auditorium of the Seattle Eagles was the scene of this program.

Only one veteran saw action, Howard Meredith, 157, of Sweet Home, Oregon, who pressed into battle against Mike Lankester, 163, Seattle. Meredith gave a fine account of himself and took punches that would have stopped a fighter less game. He used his experience and ring savvy to keep Lankester at bay.

Lankester, who was schooled by Jack Hurley, was not to be denied and got through his power drives to the head and body to leave Meredith helpless on the ropes in the fourth round. Dr. Alex Griemstein was called into the ring to look at Meredith's left eye, which was cut badly. He halted the fight.

In the opening eight rounder, Joe Hopkins, 174, Portland, was a one-point winner over stylist Maurice Rice, 169½, Seattle. In the third round both threw caution to the wind and hammered each other from pillar to post.

Freddie Wellman, in his second pro fight, and Mansel Sheppard gave the fans the boxer and fighter bit. Wellman, 130, a smoothie from Vancouver, Wash., was in command from the first round on.

Sheppard, a young lad, gave away five pounds and proved his mettle as he gamely fought back from the second round on. Sheppard could not cope with Wellman's punching power and smooth style. At the end of the third Wellman's punches were taking their toll and in the closing seconds of the fourth he stopped Sheppard.

The Riggins-Davis fight was a battle from start to finish. What held these men up is a mystery. When one missed, the other connected, and not a single moment of idleness was noted through the eight rounds. In the early rounds Riggins had a decided edge. However, from the sixth to the end he was in trouble and was rubbery on his legs in the seventh and eighth.

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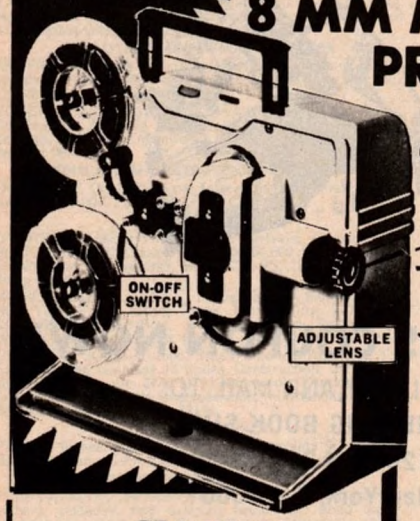

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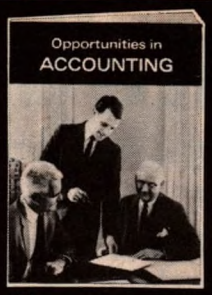

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KOBAYASHI KEEPS TITLE BUT ● ARREDONDO IS TOUGH ●

By Joe Y. Koizumi

Tokyo, Japan—After gaining an important victory over Sho Saijo in a nontitle go, Hiroshi Kobayashi kept his 130-pound world laurels by unanimous decision over Ricardo Arredondo, Mexican speedster, in 15 tough rounds.

Some 5,000 fans were in attendance at Nippon University Auditorium, Tokyo. There were no knockdowns. The 21 year-old loser proved too inexperienced for Hiroshi, especially in a rally at short range midway in the fight. Referee Yoshida scored it 73-70 in the Japanese' favor. Judges Ugo and Tezaki both saw Hiroshi a winner by 73-69.

The champion, who tabbed his sixth consecutive defense, tipped the beam at 129¼, and the hombre from Mexico, 129½.

► Up-and-coming feather Shoji Ohtani, 125¾, dropped Masayoshi Terashima, 124, thrice to finish him in three rounds at Korakuen Hall. Shoji, 18, is still undefeated.

► After the relinquishment of Kuniaki Shibata, the current world feather ruler, Masanao San, 125, became the new national 126-pound leader of Japan. He copped a hairline but unanimous duke from Zensuke Utagawa, 125¼, in 10 heats at Korakuen Hall.

Kumamoto Gymnasium witnessed Hiroshi Shoji, former national champ, pound out the nod over Kenji Hayashi in 10 rounds in their rubber battle.

► Kenji Iwata, 131¾, defeated a Korean import named Moon-Kil Choi, 131¼, by a shutout decision in 10.

► Another newcomer, Choul-Soo Yuh, Korea, was banged out by Susumu Okabe, in three sessions at Mitaka. Okabe, the Shinjin-O of this year, stretched his streak to 13, with eight knockouts.

► Kuniaki Shibata, sensational new titlist of the world after a KO over Vicente Saldivar, engaged in a first showing in his native Hitachi. Shibata dropped veteran Vicente Garcia in the fourth and won a lopsded verdict in 10 fast frames. Kuni weighed in at 128½ and Garcia at 128¾.

► Crafty Masataka Takayama, 134½,was formed to backpedal by Ishimatsu Suzuki's relentless attack in the first three, but regained his usual sharpness in countering and covering up to keep his lightweight title with a split draw in 10.

Ishimatsu, who had recovered from the 13-round TKO by Ismael Laguna, scaled at 134¾.

► Bankok, Thailand saw Japan's Shigeru Tarumizu sink for the ten count at the hands of Venich Borkorsor in only 2 minutes and 3 seconds.

► Snappy Asano, 120, was a points winner over Shintaro Oshima, 119, after he had kissed the canvas in round two. Asano's windmill attack in the last four rounds was such that he rallied for victory.

► Shozo Saijo, a game and fast featherweight at 126, made the best use of his feet and fists, piled up points unanimously and won a 15 round nod from Frankie Crawford, Los Angeles, at Utsunomiya Gymnasium.

Crawford, a vaunted left hooker, 126, never showed his weapon so effectively as he did when he dropped Sho last year.

Saijo, No. 1 opposition against Kuniaki Shibata, thus kept his position as the feather leader for the fifth time since an upset decision from Raul Rojas.

The score sheets were as follows: referee Ugo, 72-70; judges Yoshida and Morita, 73-70 and 72-69, all in Sho's favor.

► Lefty Eijo Okazaki, 139¾, lost an upset nod to veteran of hit-and-run tactics, Koichi Otomaru, 140, in 10 dull rounds.

► Flooring Takeo Harada, 122, national junior feather boss, Sarutobi Koyama, another southpaw with better power and footwork, was awarded a technical decision in 25 seconds of the 10th and final round, when the defending champ was in no shape to continue, due to bad cuts on the skull.

Koyama, 122, had beaten the loser twice previously before Takeo dethroned Kuwashi Shimizu last winter.

► Oriental junior middleweight leader Hideo Kanazawa, a six-footer, 155¼, was sent to the canvas three times and automatically kayoed by a rugged non-stop slugger named Koichi Wajima, 157¼, in less than five minutes.

The KO came in one minute 4' seconds, when Wajima, who began learning to box at age 25 in 1968, battered Hideo from corner to corner, scored a lightening right to the button and had his man rubber legged even after ten. Koichi registered his sixth straight knockout. However, Hideo's title was not at stake.

► Wawasaki City Arena was nearly full when title holder George Carter easily whipped Raizo Kajima into a fourth round stoppage. Middleweights.

► Koichi Okada, 117¾, showed all around skill in giving a sound lesson to Genzo Kurosawa, 117½, in a shutout 10er at Korakuen.

► Some 1,900 fans agreed that the combatants had battled well, but were at a loss to pick the winner. But the official nod, truly hairline, went to ex-champ Shintaro Uchiyama, who came to recapture the national bantam crown from Shigeyoshi Ohki, 117½, in 10 rounds.

Referee Fujii voted 50-49, and judges Kato and Aki saw it 49-48 and 50-49, all for Shin.

In their rematch Seiichi Watanuki, durable flyweight, 112, was a points winner over Yoshiaki Matsumoto, 110¼, in a furious 10 round bout.

► Korakuen Hall saw nine new Shinjin-o titlists in as many classes in weekly tournaments for a month reach the Gate of Rookie. The kings of four rounders are: 112 pounds, Yoshihiro Shikauchi; 118, Kenji Endo; 122, Yukietsu Tateoka; 126, Kimio Shindo; 130, Susumu Okabe (gained the Best Shinjin-o Award); 135, Sadahiro Goto; 140, Shinichi Sato; 147, Hitoshi Nakagawa and the middle winner, Yoshiyuki Numabe.

► Speedster Shoji Otani, 127¼, decked southpaw Suk-Ok Yun with sharp combinations and polished off the Korean in the seventh at Korakuen.

► Rated Ushiwakamaru Harada, 119½, brother of Fighting Harada, threw a straight right to the face of Choul-Ho Shin, 119½, and dropped the Korean boss to cop a one-sided duke in 10 rounds.

► Bangkok reported that Kazuyoshi Kanazawa sent Berkrerk Chartvanchai to the canvas on four occasions and scored a four round kayo. Berk was recently dethroned by Japan's flyweight Masao Ohba in 13 rounds.

► Manila, P.I. saw rugged Akihide Tamaoka earn an upset TKO over Alberto Jangalay, Filipino boss, in the sixth round.

Al's gash over the eyebrow accounted for the result.

► Crafty southpaw Sumio Nobata, 131½, counterpunched well and outmaneuvered Isao Shiiya, 133, in 10 gory rounds.

► More than 3,000 fans gathered to see Susumu Hanagata stop Tatsuro Uchida. Hanagata pounded out a unanimous decision at Yokohama Cultural Arena. The score sheets were all tabbed 50-46. In the semi-final 10er Shintaro Uchiyama won from Toshimasa Hasegawa, junior featherweights.

► Lefty Turtle Okabe, 158¾, decisioned Masaichi Taninobe, 159¾, in eight at Korakuen.

► Shinichi Kadota, Orient light weight leader, 135, proved too elusive and powerful for Rudy Gonzales, Felipino champ, and flattened him in seven rounds at Korakuen Roller Rink. The victory meant Kadota's first defense since wresting the crown from Korea's Young-Choul Cho, and his third straight KO success.

LEGRA, CONQUEROR OF REVIE, ● READY TO FIGHT ANYBODY ●

By Jose Alvarez

Madrid, Spain—Jose Legra, after demolishing Jimmie Revie, has no serious threat in Europe. He is still pursuing Shibata, Shayjo, Numata and Kobayhashi, Talks have been initiated with Numata, the fight to be staged in Alicante, Spain, in August.

Miguel Velazquez had a tough nut in Antonio Puddu who landed an explosive right during the third round. It did not succeed in kayoing Miguel. He was in distress until the 10th. Referee Roland Dakin, gave it to the Spaniard, but the two other judges voted even, so even it was.

Miguel was caught cold by Puddu, a mediocre fighter who did not exploit his advantage.

Carrasco, it appears, is to fight for the world title. WBC toys with him, WBA ignores him, The Ring does not press his claim. He may fight Rene Rorue for EBU light welter laurels.

Tony Ortiz, junior welter, is a capable scrapper who bars no one, and is ready for action at short notice. Perhaps he would be too good for some of the top 10ers. Barrera Corpas, another junior welter, meets Nico Loche at Buenos Aires.

Urtain has a dislocated shoulder healing and will soon resume fighting under Umberto Branchini, one of the best in the business. He'll climb back after his lesson with cuts and bruises provided by old master Cooper, who did not succeed in flooring the Basque. Henry was decked and stunned, in spite of British reporting of the bout.

Re the Clay-Frazier fight, we watched it in Spain via TV and satellite, Paulino said, "Clay should have been disqualified for his continuous holding. Frazier looked like a great battler from the old days. He maybe did not want to finish Clay."

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IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

Robles Surprises Stankie, Who Needs his Nightstick

By DON FRASER

LOS ANGELES, Cal.—Big name boxing went into recess around here because fistic attention had shifted radically to New York and the Frazier-Clay affair.

However, the Coast will have its innings eventually, as it is virtually certain that the return match will come to Jack Kent Cooke's Forum at Inglewood.

There is a lot of gush around the country about Hamilton, Ont., Cooke's birthplace, landing the fight, and Houston, which lost out to New York, again is hollering its desires.

But Jack Kent Cooke, who made the fight possible in New York, undoubtedly will bring the rematch into his own arena here.

► The fighting Los Angeles policeman, Al Stankie, 159½, Lakewood, was rudely upended by young comer, Rudy Robles, 160, Carson, in the 10-round feature at the Olympic.

Stankie, a 12-5 choice, figured to have too much experience for Robles, who was making his first 10-round appearance.

The youngster from the Southeast section of Los Angeles almost dropped Stankie in the second. Rudy continued on the attack and at the end of 10 rounds, there was no doubt that he deserved the win.

Esteban Olvera, 126, San Diego, and Alberto Perez, 125½, Bakersfield, drew (6); Otis Hudspeth, 165, So. Los Angeles, decisioned Mike Holderman, 167, Los Angeles (4); Jose Medrano, Los Angeles, 118, stopped Jose Lujan, 117, East Los Angeles (4).

► **Woodland Hills**—Mike Quarry increased his win streak to 27 straight, when he beat troublesome Ronnie Wilson, 168, San Diego, in 10 rounds at the Valley Arena.

Quarry, who has his sights set on a crack at Bob Foster's light heavyweight title, failed to floor Wilson, but was in control in at least six out of the 10 rounds.

Judge Rudy Jordan called the bout a draw, 4-4, but judge Bobby Rings liked Quarry, 6-2. Referee Dick Young favored Mike, 6-4.

The 19-year-old brother of Jerry weighed 174.

Pete Vital, 136, El Monte, decisioned Myron Robinson, 136, So. Los Angeles (6); Bobby Carrillo, 135, Lancaster, and Fidel Reyna, 136, San Diego, drew (6).

► **Woodland Hills** — Underdog Felipe Torres, 135, East Los Angeles, recovered from a second-round knockdown to overhaul Lobito Montoya, 134½, Los Angeles, in the late rounds to capture a unanimous 12-round decision at Valley Arena.

Torres proved too strong for the 2-1 favorite Montoya in the last four rounds and this proved his margin of victory. The bout was an elimination for the vacant California lightweight championship.

► **Los Angeles**—Antonio Cervantes, Colombia, gave Enrique Jana, 137½, Buenos Aires, a lopsided licking before referee George Latka halted the skirmish in the eighth round at Olympic.

Cervantes, 137, battered Jana with hard right-hand punches, cutting his left eye and then finally swollen shot. There were no knockdowns, but the 30-year-old Argentien boxer was no match for Cervantes.

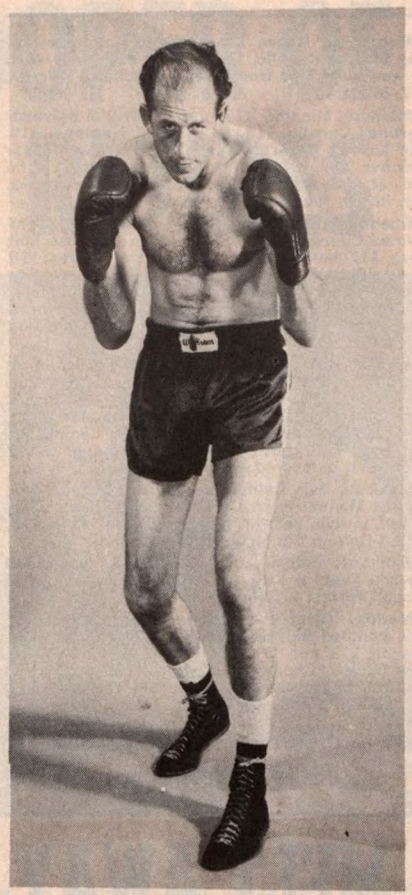
Richie Alvarado, 127, Los Angeles, decisioned Rafael Lopez, 125½, East Los Angeles; Alex Behena, 130, San Diego, outpointed Jamie Campo, 131, Los Angeles; Joe Lujan, 135, Whittier, decisioned Gilberto Ortiz, 134, East Los Angeles (4).

► **Los Angeles**—Manuel Mendoza, 118, one of Mexico's many fine young bantamweight prospects, had little trouble handling Roberto Tirado, 118½, also from Mexico, in the scheduled 10-round main event at Olympic.

Mendoza dropped Tirado for the full count midway in the third round. This was the youngster's third straight win at the Olympic.

Rudy Robles, 161½, Carson, decisioned Tommy Kearse, 161, Los Angeles (6); Manuel Leal, 131½, East Los Angeles, decisioned Nick Aghai, 135½, Iran (6).

► **Woodland Hills**—Ray (Windmill) White, the fighting carpenter from Ventura, kept Irish Terry Lee, 176, Concord, Calif., at bay with his long left jab and was declared a unanimous 10-round winner at Valley Arena.



WINDMILL WHITE

White, 177½, is the guy who comes up with such crazy punches as the "hammer," "corkscrew" and "orbit." His style, which has caught on with the fans, was just too much for Lee to figure out.

There were no knockdowns and neither boxer suffered serious damage. White is a favorite of TV's nighttime host, Merv Griffin, having made three appearances on Merv's show.

Irish Mike Nelson, 156, Glendale, outpointed Tommy Kearse, 157, Los Angeles (6); Hugo Barazza, 136, Colombia, S.A., outpointed Esteban Olivas, 134, San Diego (6); David Arrelano, 125, East Los Angeles, decisioned Agapito Villegas, 126½, Mexico (5).

► **Los Angeles**—Rodolfo Labato, 127, a member of the ever growing Johnny Flores stable, was a convincing winner over Roger Boy Pedrano, 126, Manila, P.I., in the 10-round feature at Olympic.

While there were no knockdowns, it was a pleasing 10-rounder, with Labato too strong in all departments.

Flores is eager to move Rodolfo up

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CASTILLO, OLIVARES SCORE ● EASILY IN MEXICAN RINGS ●

By Eduardo Amer G.

Monterrey, Nuevo Leon—World bantamweight king Chucho Castillo, 118, had an easy time when he won by a TKO from Felipe "Cachorro" Ursua, 117, in six.

Mamoru Minami, 117, Japan, TKO'd Salvador Martinez Carrillo, 118, in 10. Saul Montana, 116, was kayoed by Arturo Leon, 118, in two. Cesar Ordoñez, 117, KOd Gabriel "Halcon" Ruiz, 117, in two. Max Sanchez, 122, halted Tony Velazquez, 123, in two rounds.

► **Guadalajara, Jalisco**—Ruben Olivares, 118, embalmed Chung Park, 118, Korea, in six. Jose Luis Meza, 117, bested Jorge "Alacrancito" Torres, 116, in 10. Roberto Alvarez, 115, nailed Jose "Carbonero" Vargas, 112, in two. Alfonso "Coneja" Aguirre, 140, stopped Felipe Vaca, 145, in three. "Papelero" Estrada, 116, beat Rafael González, 117, in 10.

► **Mexico, D.F.**—Enrique Garcia, 124, polished off Miguel Riasco, 129, Panama, in two. Jose Luis Hernandez, 134, iced Silvestre Mundo, 134, in one. Jose Luis Martinez, 124, won from Memo Ortiz, 124, eight. Andres Fernandez, 133, demolished Fernando Rodriguez, 134, in one. Manuel Castañeda, 111, outscored Aurelio Castillo, 111, in four.

► **Mexicali, Baja California**—Raul Rodriguez, 145, kayoed Manuel Fuerro, 143, who had been undefeated, in five. Veteran Ignacio "Zurdo" Piña, 125, halted Delfino Camacho, 125, in four.

► **San Luis Potosi**—Raul Noria, 118, decisioned Freddie Segura, 117, in 10. Juan Villa, 115, KOd "Loco" Torres, 116, in five.

► **Merida, Yucatan** — Silverio "Chamaco" Ortiz, 129, bombed Salvador Medina, 127, in five. Jose Medina, 118, and "Ranita" Torres, 119, drew in 10. Jose Luis "Chamaco" Cetina, 111, put Fillo Gomez, 112, to sleep in three. Kid Tepakan, 118, TKOd Ariel "Panterita" Nuñez, 119, in five.

► **Tekax, Yucatan**—Joe Baquedano, 124, flattened Pedro "Gavilan" Martinez, 118, in five.

► **Motul, Yucatan**—Zorrita de Motul, 114, won from Concepcion "Indio" Bermejo, 115, in eight. Alfredo "Chamaco" Rodriguez, 112, beat "Cuervo" Catzin, 111, in six rounds.

► **Cansahcab, Yucatan**—Pedro "Gavilan" Hernandez, 119, outscored Raul Hernandez, 118, in eight.

► **Cansahcab, Yucatan** — Jose Luis "Chamaco" Cetina, 112, bested Arsenio "Raton" Pacheco, 116, in six rounds.

► **Temax, Yucatan** — Manolo Jimenez, 124, decisioned Salve Ortiz, 127, in six rounds.

► **Motul, Yucatan** — Hector Mendieta, 116, won over Victor "Rayito" Briceño, 116, in six rounds.

► **Torreon, Coahuila**—Armano Villa, 114, disposed of Unh Chi Dung, 115, Japan, in the opening round. "Zarco" Anguino, 113, stopped "Generalito" Cruz, 113, in eight.

► **Durango**—Omar Chavez, 146, defeated Gustavo Garcia, 146, in 10.

► **Acarulco, Guerrero** — Alex Olguin, 131, TKOd Roberto Peña, 154, in eight. Gilberto Pimentel, 119, TKOd Eduardo Castro, 119, in two.

► **Monterrey, Nuevo Leon**—Isaias Martinez, 134, TKOd Francisco Robledo, 133, in five. Alfredo de la Rosa, 134, TKOd Miguel Muñoz, 134, in two.

► **Guadalajara, Jalisco**—Chuy Rodriguez, 118, won over Diego Martinez, 118, in 10. Juan Chavez, 124, TKOd Serafin Aceves, 124, in seven.

► **Saltillo, Coahuila**—Tarcisio "Famosito" Gomez, 113, outpointed Kid Chino, 113, in 10. Clemente Mucino, 125, KOd Antonio Piña, 125, in four.

► **Mexico, D.F.**—Silvino Estopier, 133, TKOd Chucho Alvarado, 134, in six. Jaime Rivera, 117, lost to Jose Sanchez, 117, in eight. Raul Carmona, 124, kid brother of Mexican lightweight champ, Erubey Carmona, lost to Ismael Gallegos, 124, in six. Nacho Lomeli, 117, and Jose Luis Menchaca, 117, drew in six. Jose Pozos, 116, TKOd Magoaleno Andrade, 115, in three.

► **Culiacan, Sinaloa** — Gil Noriega, 128, TKOd Tomas "Leñador" Romero, 130, in five.

► **Motul, Yucatan**—Jose "Dinamita" Hernandez, 126, demolished "Zurdo" Mendez, 124, in two. Leandro "Pajaro" Rodriguez, 117, bested Arsenio "Raton" Pacheco, 117, in six.

► **Oaxaca** — Fernando "Chionoi" Contreras, 112, KOd Jose "Pachuco" Garcia, 113, in six.

► **Acapulco, Guerrero** — Francisco "Sugar" Pino, 117, kayoed Joaquin "Chaparro" Heredia, 117, in six. Evaristo Perez, 117, in six. Evaristo Perez, 117, stopped Alfredo Perez, 119, in four. Maleno Calleja, 117, KOd Agapito Candela, 117, in five.

► **Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas**—Celso Olivas, 147, TKOd Javier "Zurdo" Jimenez, 146, in nine.

► **Monterrey, Nuevo Leon** — Lupe Torres, 130, TKOd Jose Rubaldino, 130, in two. Salvador Gonzalez, 124, won from Miguel Gallegos, 124, in 10.

► **Mexico, D.F.**—Juan "Ranita" Robles, 117, TKOd Jorge Reyes, 118, in 10. Memin Vega, 125, nailed Margarito Hernandez, 125, in four. Arturo Zuñiga, 133, bombed Jose Blanco, 133, in five. Carlos Torres, 126, TKOd Adelfo Albarran, 125, in one. Leon Meza, 116, iced Jacobo Castillo, 117, in the very first round.

► **Mexico, D.F.**—Lupe Mendez, 125, TKOd Raymundo "Chino" Vera, 125, in seven. Lupe Hernandez, 111, TKOd Jose Luis Valencia, 112, in five. Leo Palacios, 108, whipped Pedro Lopez, 112, in six. Jose Curiel, 111, stopped Enrique de la Cruz, 111, in two. Emilio Calleja, 111, polished off Rolando Ortega, 122, in two.

► **Monterrey, Nuevo Leon**—Demetrio Salazar, 134, TKOd Glafir Cruz, 134, in 10. Jesus Rodriguez, 115, embalmed Manolo Longoria, 116, in four.

► **Aguascalientes**—Ruben Arocha, 145, Argentina, nailed Johnny Gonzalez, 146, in six. Chocolate Ramos, 137, KOd Carlos Chavez, 134, in five.

► **San Luis Potosi**—Julio "Ringo" Romero, 112, won from Lucio del Rio, 112, in 10.

► **Cansahcab, Yucatan**—Miguel Canto, 109, won as he pleased from Francisco "Mugre" Montalvo, 115, in six rounds.

► **Merida, Yucatan**—Candelario "Chiquis" Fernandez, 117, TKOd Babe San Martin, 117, in eight. Jose Luis "Chamaco" Cetina, 112, TKOd "Alacran" Lopez, 113, in eight. "Cotorrita" Rodriguez, 118, TKOd Hector Mendieta, 115, in four. "Cuervo" Catzin, 109, decisioned Kid Valente, 109, in six.

► **Mexico, D.F.**—Fernando Fernandez, 117, TKOd Juan Rodriguez, 117, in eight. Jesus Alonso, 124, won by a disqualification from Roberto Villalobos, 124, in six. Roberto Zazquez, 116, and Chano Bustos, 117, drew in six. Luis Munguia, 144, TKOd Juan Villa, 145, in three. Antonio Kiris, 111, TKOd Carlos Pineda, 111, in four.

► **Acapulco, Guerrero** — Raul Noria, 114, and Chano Rodriguez, 115, drew in 10. Gilberto Becerril, 112, defeated Javier Torres, 113, in 10.

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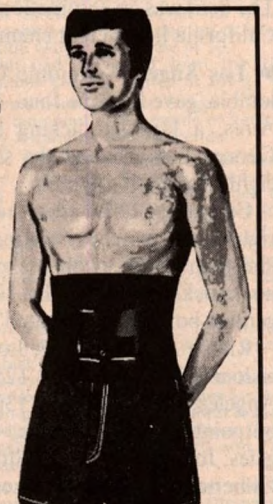

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FILIPINO HOMEBREDS STAR ● AS FOREIGNERS ARE SHY ●

By Felipe J. C. Galany

Manila, P.I.—The financial situation being what it is in this part of the fistic universe, Philippine boxing continues to feature homebreds. Outside stars do not fnd offerings here attractive enough. But there is a lot of action and a lot of excellent performances.

Dick Arcega ,112, won over Dio Santos, 111, TKO in the seventh. Ernie Kid, 109, won over Roberto Kmass, 110, by split decision in a 10. Sim Fernando, 135, beat Frisco Montemayor, 136, split decision, in a 10. Gil Cuizon, 123, won over Buddy Espinosa, 122, unanimously in a 10-rounder.

Star Sta. Rita, 132, won over Joe Faune, 132, TKO in the seventh. Rolly Aton, 110, won over Roger Espora, 108, TKO in the fourth. Al Zabu, 125, won over Nados Canoncos, 121, unanimous decision, in a 10 round bout. Romeo Quizon, 112, won over Luis Rajal, 111, unanimous decision, in a 10-rounder. Donny Velardo, 111, and Ofredito Villa, 112, fought to tech. draw in the third of a 10 round bout.

Shojoi Tamoaka, 120, won over Alberto Jangalay, 119, TKO in the seventh round. Rey Bautista, 132 won over Junji Itonago, 129, TKO in the ninth. Bernard Magno, 133, outpointed Ernie Villaflor, 132, in a 10 rounder. Alberto Reyes, 126. beat Ernie Pacua, 129, unanimous decision in 10. Matt Roa, 147, won over Jyo Tamai, 147, TKO in the fourth of a 10 rounder.

Donny Custado, 130, beat Kid Contino, 130, TKO in the seventh round. Cecil Escobido, 112, won over Flash Geronimo, 112, unanimously, in 10. Abel Torno, 116, won over Roger Moreno, 116, TKO in the ninth round. Ad Zapanta, 120, beat Henry Acido, 119, unanimously in a 10 rounder. Numer Medillo, 119, stopped Radam Maxwell, 118, in the eighth round.

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BUGNER CLEANS COOPER OF ALL TITLES, 'ENERY RETIRES

By EDDIE LONG

LONDON, England—Hungarian-born Joe Bugner, whose native land does not allow professional boxing, is the new heavyweight champion of Europe, Great Britain and the British Commonwealth, and all other hunks of real estate belonging to John Bull.

The fight in which Bugner acquired all this was not a classic. But it was just about as close as it could have been, and if the decision of a draw any longer were considered au fait, it could have been called that.

Bugner took all of the titles hitherto belonging to the 37-year-old Henry Cooper in a 15-round battle which brought out 11,600 fans.

Harry Gibbs, rated Britain's No. 1 referee, called it 73¾ points to 73½.

To have called it a draw, with some respect for Cooper and his long tenure and many honors, would have been fair enough. But the old concept of the champion's courtesy long since has died.

Be it all as it may, when Cooper sat down in his dressing room after the fight he decided that his reign had run long enough, and announced his retirement, after having boxed professionally since 1954.

Not so long ago, Cooper astonished Britons with his nine-round KO of Urtain and the way he did it.

"This man will go on and on," the experts announced. But, as 'Enery demonstrated against the 21-year-old Bugner, nobody goes on and on. The old guy with the scythe laid a heavy duty on Cooper, who began to tire badly in the middle rounds.

At the close, Henry said he had injured his left hand. This was hinted in the late rounds. But Henry never let up.

He went out like a real champion, worthy of all the honors which have been heaped on him, among them the Order of the British Empire.

Maybe Cooper will end up as Sir Henry Cooper. It would be a certainty if the Labor Government still were in command. Prime Minister Heath is not so friendly toward the gloves.

It was a fight which was heavy with lefthanded punching, mostly jabs, and no serious hurt.

Cooper could not get his left hook working at any time.

British fight fans are not overly excited over what the Bugner victory means. They are not hollering for Bugner to challenge Joe Frazier, Cassius Clay or George Foreman.

Never before had Bugner gone as far as 15 rounds. He had boxed no more than eight. He stood up well under the expanded task. But he has much to learn, as he discovered on an American tour of observation not so long back.

Bugner was born on March 13, 1950, and made his professional debut in December, 1967. Paul Brown stopped him in three rounds.

This sent Bugner back to the drawing board and after a fresh schooling of 13 months he returned to the ring and stopped Paul Cassidy in two.

Henry Cooper (left) and Joe Bugner mix it up during their 15-round contest at Wembley. Bugner ended Cooper's long reign as champion by gaining the referee's decision by one-quarter of a point. Bugner thus becomes the British, Commonwealth and European heavyweight king.

► Alan Rudkin has achieved one of his remaining ambitions. Already British and Empire bantamweight champion, he annexed the European title at Royal Albert Hall, by stopping the holder, Franco Zurlo, of Italy, in 11 rounds.

Zurlo entered the ring with his left knee bandaged, and this appeared to give him trouble. He frequently limped around the ring and had it massaged between rounds. It turned out that he had had a cartilage operation some time ago.

Also, right from the first bell, Zurlo seemed to have a lack of interest in the whole proceedings. At no time did he fight like a champion, allowing Rudkin to take the initiative, and doing only what he had to do in defense.

Both men were severely cut. Rudkin on the left eyebrow and on the forehead, Zurlo under the right eye, on the mouth and on the forhead.

The bout was refereed well by German Herbert Tomser, who was not perturbed at the sight of blood.

Zurlo was floored in the fifth, and could never hit hard enough to bother Rudkin, who picked his punches well. Although the Italian sometimes switched to southpaw, this seemed to bother him more than it did Rudkin.

Rudkin's body-punching slowed down Zurlo, who slumped wearily on his stool at the end of the 11th, and his retirement was announced. Rudkin scaled 117½, Zurlo 116¼.

The new champion afterwards said that after three unsuccesful attempts at the world title, he was still keen on boxing again for it. Accordingly a move is being made to arrange a fight in Britain.

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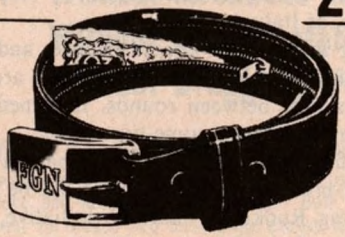

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ALONG THE VBA TRAIL

By Scoop Gallello

VBA President

Dr. Max Novich, affiliated with boxing for many years as a participant, trainer and medic for the Olympic Team, has come up with a must book titled, "TRAINING AND CONDITIONING OF ATHLETES." It is a highly absorbing book on the pitfalls, as well as the proper training, for athletes. For a copy right to Dr. Novich at 313 State St., Pert Amboy, N.J. 08861.

► Ring At Large—Instituted by the International Veteran Boxers Association, is growing. This group was formed for the people who do not belong to any particular veteran group, fromer amateur or pro boxers who want to "belong." International Secretary Irv Silverman lives at 1208 Leland Ave., Bronx, N.Y. 10472.

► Many a mother would be upset after discovering that her son had become a boxer. So did the mother of 24 year old Jerry Hamski. But her tears vanished when Jerry won his first Hicks PP.A.L. bout by a knockout. Young Jerry started out as a weight lifter at the gym of former heavyweight Dan Bucceroni. Jerry lifted weights to strengthen his left arm, which was useless before his gym sessions. You see, Jerry Hamski is a cerebral palsey patient.

► VBA Ring #32, Detroit, is holding its annual banquet on May 22.

► Joe Steinfeld, longtime member of VBA Ring #8, New York, is residing in San Antonio, Texas, where he made contact with former pugilists Dave Slavin and Battling Shaw.

► Abe Feldman, heavyweight of the early 1930's, is recuperating at home after a trip to the hospital.

► The International Veteran Boxers Association Convention will be held at the Empress Hotel in Asbury Park, N.J. on October 1-2-3.

► The third Annual Dinner-Dance of the New Jersey Boxing Hall of Fame will be held September 12, the site yet to be chosen.

► VBA Ring #30, Westchester County, sponsored a combined youth boxing exhibition and talent show for inmates of the Westchester County Penitentiary. Steve Belloise, Chester Rico, Danny Sabia, Bob Brandt, Irv Silverman, George Rugg, Corporal Izzy Schwartz, Pickles Hynes, Joe "Iron Horse" Sturino, Sal LaPera and Adolph Robinson in attendance. Youngsters Louis Gallello and Dominick Marlucci were hits.

► VBA Ring #14 holding annual bash May 22 at the Skyline Cabana on Burma Road in Jersey City

► Fernando Benvenuti, father of former middleweight champ Nino passed away recently in a Trieste Clinic. Fernando, 63, worked in the Trieste Fish markets.

► Henry "Frankie" Ferro, former lightweight boxer out of Philadelphia, died at 66. Ferro was a leather slinger from 1919-1929, and was retired from the Police Force after 26 years of service.

► Eddie Dempsey, former pugilist from Syracuse, N.Y., was recently released from Community Hospital in that area after a lengthy stay.

► Eddie Swider, Sargeant at Arms for VBA Ring #56, Syracuse, as well as for the International VBA recently lost his mother, aged 90.

► Raymond Ruffin, better known fistically as eTddy Hubbs, passed away at 78. Hubbs was the father of former lightweight Bobby Ruffin. Ray once had the distinction of boxing two 10 rounders on the same evening. This took place in 1912 when he boxed Tommy Houck at the Fairmount Arena in the Bronx, then traveled over the the New Polo A.C. in Harlem where he took on K.O. Eggers.

► VBA Ring #25, Newark, N.J., holding annual banquet April 24, at De Mao's Restaurant on Route #10 in Morristown, N.J. Being honored are Tony Galento, Archie DeVino, Joe McCartney, Mickey Greb, Joe Grace, Charlie Wallace, Irish Fragan and Scoop Gallello.

GRAY TAKES CANADIAN TITLE FROM PADUANO ON POINTS

By Frank Allnutt

Montreal, Can. — Donato Paduano, Canadian welterweight champion, making his second defense of his crown before a crowd of 6,000 at the Forum, finished a hard fought, all action twelve rounds on the wrong end of the official cards. It took Clyde Gray, Toronto, about sixty seconds after the opening bell to take control of the fight. Gray never took a backward step. Paduano had no answer for the relentless attack set by Gray who punched hard, fast and continuously. Paduano was a confused, frustrated former champion.

Gray has lost only to Eddie Perkins, April 27, 1970, 10 rounds in Chicago.

At the weigh-in, Paduano made 147, Gray 144¾. Paduano was a slight favorite, Gray was the more relaxed. From the start Gray, using a left jab, moving from side to side, had the Montreal fighter backing up. For each step Donato took back, Gray took one forward.

Paduano, a counter puncher, could not find the room to get his arms up to keep Gray off. Gray, switching his attack alternately from the body to head, had Paduano's face swelling after four rounds.

Gray with a combination of hooks, jabs and short hard body punches, completely dominated the fight for the next four rounds. The body shots slowed Paduano and referee Rosario Baillargeon came to the aid of the Montreal boxer by halting the fight and warning Gray for low blows. Never at any time did Paduano or his corner complain of low blows. Yet the referee, at the end of the sixth round, instructed the judges to take two points from the Toronto fighter. At the end of eight rounds, Paduano had been out-boxed and out-punched and his left eye had been cut.

In an all out effort to stem the tide at the start of the ninth round, Paduano was off his stool fast and throwing punches. The flurry was short lived. Gray was not suckered into changing his style of fighting and again Paduano found himself backing up under the precise attack set by his opponent. Due to the actions of the referee, Gray kept his punches directed at Paduano's head, causing the Montreal boxer to hold his hands high to protect his damaged eye.

In the final round, Gray, boxed the three minutes on his toes at top speed. Paduano, flat-footed and tired, had no possible chance of landing hard. To almost all the fans, Gray was a big winner. The officials were very conservative with their decision which was as follows: 56-53 for Gray. One judge scored it even at 56-56, and should be awarded a white cane and a seeing eye dog.

The fight was scored on the five point "must" system, the Montreal Gazette had it tabbed 59-52 for Gray. It was never any closer. There was no knockdown.

Gray's record is ow 28-1 while Paduano has a 23-2 record, the fight drew $50,000 at the gate. Paduano received $15,000. Gray picked up $3,000 and the title.

As a co-feature a second title match was slated, Reynald Cantin, Quebec, Canadian Jr. Welterweight champion, and Arthur Jones, Montreal, were matched. Jones failed to make the weight of 140 and it went as a non title fight. There were no knockdowns and Cantin carried the fight for the first five rounds but there was little to choose between the two. Jones got to Cantin in the sixth with a hard right hand and from there on was in no trouble. In three seperate rounds he staggered Cantin with hard uppercuts. Jones finished the fight strongly. One judge had it 56-56 but the two others called it 58-56 and 56-55 in favor of Cantin. The crowd booed the decision for some ten minutes.

Danny Tucker, Montreal, got caught by a "sucker" punch at the start of the third round which decked him. Up at eight, he had trouble staying on his feet and the referee stopped the bout. Pierre Chiasson (de-la Madeleine) won over Michel Godin, Montreal, by decision after six. Over four rounds Sserge Priox lost a unanimous decision to Paride Baldassare, Montreal.

A first in Canada. The 12 man jury at the Paul Rose murder trial attended the Paduano-Gray fight at the Forum, compliments of the Crown.

Loung Montreal welterweight, Gerald Ratte, victim of a skiing accident, broke his leg in four places and will be out for a year.

SALAZAR SCORES TKO IN MEXICAN SETTO WITH CRUZ

By Brad Staples

Monterrey, Mexico—In the Coliseo, Dermetrio Salazar, lightweight, scored a TKO over Glafir Cruz, of Tampico, who won the referee's mercy. In the semi, feather Jesus Rodriguez got a four round TKO over Manolo Longoria.

Veteran Memo Ruiz stopped Mario Lara in the fourth.

In a six round fight, also in the featherweight division, Juan Manuel Urusa, Monterrey knocked out Juan Pablo Ramirez, also of Monterrey, in the fourth round.

In the opening fight of four rounds, welterweight Juan Fuentes knocked out, with only one punch, Salvador Hernandez.

EUROPEAN GOSSIP

Is Loss To Chirino End For Benvenuti?

By J. A. TREE

BOLOGNA, Italy — It would appear, from the defeat of Nino Benvenuti by Jose Roberto Chirino, of the Argentine, in a 10-round fight here, that the former middleweight champion has reached the end of the line. He is 32 years of age and he could not stand the pace set by the 26-year-old gaucho.

Benvenuti's defeat followed his loss of the middleweight title to Carlos Monzon.

It is of interest that Monzon also beat Chirino, who had been champion of the Argentine, 1967-1969.

Benvenuti now has lost six fights in his career of 88 starts. The KO by Monzon was the first registered against Nino. Chirino now is 25 out of 28.

There wasn't a single redeeming feature about the showing of Benvenuti here. He had no life, no stamina, no fire. Sometimes he had to hang on for dear life. He was floored twice.

Not so long ago Benvenuti could do no wrong in the ring, he could lose no fight. But as he left the squared circle here, silent, stunned, the customers booed him.

A cruel windup for a once great fighter, who showed at his best in beating Emile Griffith two out of three. Emile now will have to find a new meal ticket. Gil Clancy must be in mourning.

The hard core of Benvenuti backers advised fight fans to disregard the Chirino and not to be surprised if Nino took the title back from Monzon in Rome. But the way Benvenuti worked against the Argentinian, his title days may be regarded as finished.

Chirino weighed 160 pounds for the Benvenuti fight, while Nino tipped the beam at 161.

The first three rounds were dead. Then the Benvenuti claque hollered for their favorite to wake up. It was no go. The old flashing left of the once glittering star from Trieste was doused. He was downed in the fourth.

The fifth round was also painful for Nino as it saw him floored with a left uppercut on top of a right cross.

Chirino's victory over Benvenuti followed close upon the success of Billy Backus, new welter champion of the world, in Paris in a 10-round non-title fight with the veteran Robert Gallois.

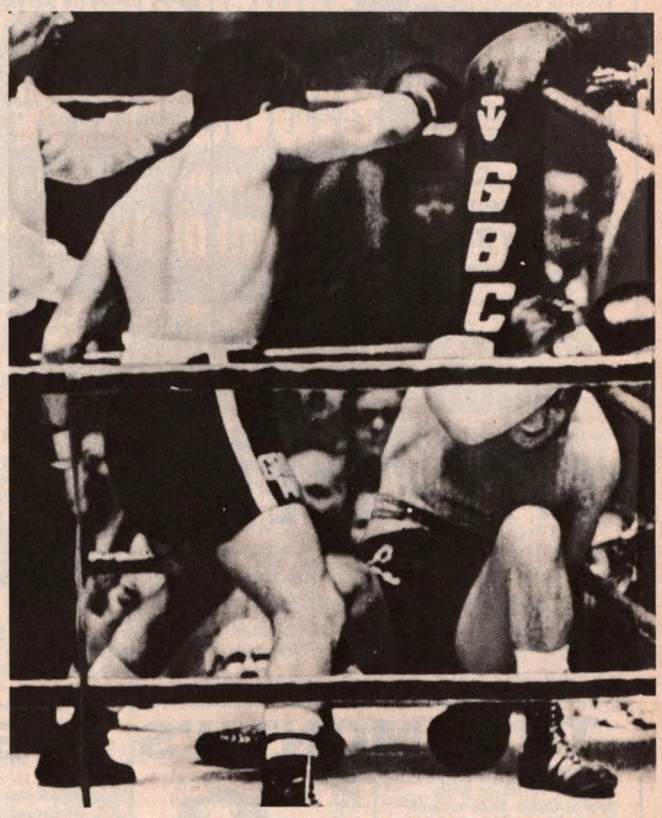
The referee, who at no time was very kind to the American, astonished the fans with a draw decision, a 47-47 card. It was a preposterous view of the fight.

One judge saw it 47-44 and another scored it 46-42 on the five points must system.

How the referee could have justified his verdict in the face of Gallois' three trips to the floor was not determined as he could not be found after the fight.

The referee scored a fifth-round knockdown against Backus, whose feet got tangled and who went down without having been hurt.

Though beaten, Gallois was not a spectator. He played rights and lefts to the American's face, much to the delight of the



Ex-world middleweight king Nino Benvenuti is hammered to the floor by Jose Roberto Chirino in the fourth round of their bout at Bologna, Italy. Chirino, who knocked Nino down once more, captured a 10-round nod.

4,500 customers in the Palais des Sports. The money take set a local record for a non-title fight.

Gallois has a fairly interesting record. However, he was stopped in 1967 by John Tiger in three and Leroy Roberts in seven.

Backus now is 31-10-4, and Gallois 42-5-1. Billy weighed 148¾, Gallois 147¼.

The night after the Backus fight, Henry Cooper lost his British and European heavyweight titles to Joe Bugner. The result caused no lowering of flags to half staff around the Continent, as European fans felt the veteran had had it. He had fought for 16 years.

It was a big pay day for Henry, with $108,000. He can well afford to say goodbye. Bugner received $36,000.

Bugner is not regarded as a star around the Continent. He is very cautious. However, he is only 21 and is learning fast.

Bugner soon will be challenged by Urtain. the Basque had a vicious fight with Cooper, who won by a KO in nine rounds.

It is a question if the Hungarian is ready for a hitter like Urtain.

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G. JOHNSON SCORES 2 KOs IN PORTLAND, ME.

By Don Hamill

Old Man River, Georgie Johnson of Trenton, N.J., continued his amazing comeback in his adopted town of Portland, Me. by scoring knockouts over Larry Carney in seven and Tony Fernandez in five rounds. Johnson is as popular with the Maine fans as if he were a local boy.

► **Portland** — Exposition Building, Bob Simmons, 171, Chester, Pa., a tough journeyman, brought what appears to be the end to the boxing career of Pete Riccitelli, 180, Portland. Simmons scored two knockdowns, the first, a right, put Pete down in the fourth round and another dropped him in the seventh round. From that point on Riccitelli was handed a savage pasting sometimes without a return. Following the bout the Maine Boxing Commission revoked Riccitelli's license for his own good.

Eddie Rivera's southpaw stance bothered Pat Malaney, 117½, Portland, and the New Yorker picked up a six round split decision in the semi-final. Rivera, 122, New York, took a very tight decision. Johnny Hasson, 160½, Hyde Park, Mass., had an easy time disposing of Dwight Wilson, 154, Philadelphia, in the first round. Ringwise Ivelaw Eastman, 149, New York, with a large weight advantage broke the win streak of Tommy Connors, 140, South Boston, in an interesting sixer. Bob Grant, 178, Yarmouth, stopped Albert Sanchez, 173, Boston, in the third round of a four spot.

► **Portland** — George Johnson, 169, Trenton, handed Larry Carney, 167, Lowell, a going over to stop him in the seventh round. Carney nearly changed the complexion of the bout in the fourth round when he caught Johnson coming in with a hard left hook that nearly stopped him. Carney was knocked down in the seventh round and beat the count. He was unable to continue and the bout was stopped.

A thriller was the 10 round co-feature which saw Johnny Coiley, 158, Somerville, having to scramble to remain undefeated. His awkward opponent, Clement Bureau, 160, Montreal, proved to be plenty tough. Coiley suffered a cut in the second round causing a worry that the cut might necessitate the halting of the bout. Bureau was dropped twice in the ninth round and managed to last thru the final heat.

Jimmy Jaynes, 142, Lowell, hurt Willie Williams, 149, Brighton, in the first round and then withstood a Williams rally to win a close decision in their sx rounder. Steve Bretton, 152, Portland, returned to the rng wars with a close decision over Bob Payzant, 149, Freeport, in a four spot.

► **Providence, R.I. Auditorium**—Denis McNamee, 175½, Pawtucket, continued his rapid rise by cutting down veteran Stanford Bulla, 180, Brooklyn, in the fifth round. Denny stepped inside Bulla's sweeping left hooks several times with short jolting rights to set him up for the kayo. The stocky Bulla was off his feet once in the fourth and twice in the fifth from fast combinations before he was counted out.

Paul Cardoza, 175, New Bedford, toyed with Sixto (Martinez) Morales, 173, New York, and carried him into the third round before he put the quietus on him. Otha Tyson, 142, Paterson, N.J., gained a unanimous decision over Winston Noel, 143½, New York, in a fast moving six rounder. Frankie Davilla, 144, Hartford, launched his comeback with a split decision win over Marcelino Alecia, 144, Worcester. Eddie Casey, 207, New Bedford, outlasted Bob Statler, 216, Paterson, in a six rounder. Pablo Rodriguez, 147, Holyoke, lost a heartbreaker to Arthur Kettles, 146, Asbury Park, when a cut eye suffered by Rodriguez turned apparent victory into a fifth round TKO defeat.

► **Potrland**—Bobby Richard, 131½, Portland, was impressive in taking a 10 round decision over a tough Jesus Gomez, 129½, New York. It was a savagely fought contest with both receipting for a lot of punishment. Richard threw more punches but was shaken at least six times by the harder punching Gomez, who was a southpaw.

Eluid Garces, 116, New York, handed Pat Malaney a boxing lesson for a couple of rounds and then withstood a rally by the Portlander, who scaled 115, to take a six round split decision. A classy hard hitting Benny Ramirez, 136, New York, outpunched Jimmy Jaynes, 138, Lowell, in a good six spot. Bob Payzant, 149, Freeport, and Steve Breton, 150, Portland, put on a slugfest with the harder punching Payzant eking out a split decision in their four rounder.

► **Portland**—George Johnson, 165, Trenton, took five rounds to dispose of lanky Tony Fernandez, 169, Baltimore. They fought a good even first two rounds before Johnson got the range on his towering opponent. Fernandez was down in the fourth and twice in the fifth, the second time for the full count. Art Young, 167, Dorchester, ended the winning streak of Bob Grant, 175, Yarmouth, in a viciously fought six rounder. Young handed Grant a beating but the latter came back to batter Young. They rally came too late. Tom Dobey, 147, Lowell, began his comeback with a four round decision over Bob Payzant, 146, Freeport.

LESLIE SCORES HEAVILY IN ROLE OF SUBSTITUTE

By Mike Marley

Reno, Nev.—Pro boxing, under the promotion of Bill Miller and the Sahara-Tahoe Hotel at Stateline, Nev., has returned to the Lake Tahoe area.

Karl Moore and light heavyweight contender Eddie "Bossman" Jones, out of Los Angeles, were advertised.

Jones pulled out a day before the show. Miller, called on Chuck Leslie to fill the void.

Leslie, out of condition and weighing 185, pounded out a 10-round duke over Moore, 179.

Chuck, who is aiming for a California state light heavy crown battle with San Franciscian Chuck Hamilton, knocked the plodding Phoenix fighter down three times. His sharp rights followed by swift left hooks baffled Moore.

The semi-final resulted in a 10-round verdict for welter Eltefat Talebi, 149, San Francisco. The Iranian decisioned Benito Juarez, 147½, Las Vegas. Talebi's unorthodox style—he crouches and bobs and weaves—confused the Vegian.

The lone prelim, slated for eight rounds, ended abruptly when Tom Van Hoof, 168, Las Vegas, was unable to continue after five rounds.

A TKO win was thus awarded to Bill "Sugar" James, 166, another of Phil Rancatore's San Francisco products. James' left jab sliced up Van Hoof's nose and eyes.

Carson City's heavyweight prospect, Irish Pat (Larry) Duncan, is working in the Northwest with stablemate Terry Hinks. Duncan can't find enough work hereabouts.

Jimmie Olivas has his University of Nevada ringmen ready for the annual California Collegiate Boxing Conference. Other entries are Cal Berkeley and Chico State, set for Berkeley.

The Pack fighters are one of three intercollegiate ring squads left in the US but Olivas hopes for more schools to join the CCC next season. Former NCAA 139-pound national champ, Joe Bliss, picked up a ref's license to work amateur battles. Henry Hank is working in a casino.

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SOUTH AFRICAN CHAMPIONS ● HAVE TOUGH BATTLES ●

By Ed Clark

Durban, South Africa — 6,000 fans at Currie's Fountain witnessed two upsets as the national welter weight champion and then the feather weight champion were fully extended. Joe Sishi, 147¾, bobbed, weaved and hammered out a 10-round points win over McKeed Mofokeng, 146. It was sweet revenge for Sishi, who was KO'd in a previous meeting.

In the third he dropped Mofokeng twice. Again in the seventh he had the champ going but could not put him away.

The feather king, Solomon Ramafikeng, 123¾, was held to an eight round draw by Alfred Cele, 126. Solly was dropped in the first and second, but fought back to share the verdict.

► Enoch Nhlapo, junior welter champ, outboxed Maxwell Malinga, 146, in eight. Lawrence Mphuthi, 144½, narrowly outscored Gabriel Dlamini, 141½, over six. Joe Archer, 132, from South West Africa, was a winner over James Mngadi, 132, six.Moses Mthembu outpointed Mike Duma, 135 in four.

► **Port Elizabeth**—The doctor brought a closure to the fight between Rafty Mngadi, 112, and Joe Tulwana, 112, in the fourth round when Tulwana's eye was completely closed. It was an even fight to the closure. Mngadi first made the body his target and then went higher up, where he met with success.

Ngqika Tshume TKOd Petrus Masasane in three. Phillip Masiza, 127½, was a six round points winner over Victor Dlamini, 127. In a lightweight slugfest Aubrey Peta stopped Thomas Tsosane,eight.

Fisherman Newabule, 130, won a slugging match against Petrus Sithebe, 126, on points.

► **Stanger**—After a two-year iày-off Nagoor Govender, 125, outpointed Rocky Mabaso, 126, eight.

Eric Majola, 146, and Ebrahim Mbonambi, 145, brought the house down with their six round humdinger. With both fighters dead tired it was decided a draw. Elijah Makatini, 151, TKOd Phutumana Khuboni, 150, in five. Simon Nayawo, 230, TKOd Bethwell Mhlongo, 244,

Ephraim Mngumi, 109, outscored Ernest Mkwanazi, 114½. Johannes Buyela, 145, outpointed Christopher Nzuza, 146. six rounds.

► **Durban**—19 year old Gert Steyn, 151¾, in his second pro fight, tore into Cape welter champion Michel Le Roux, 149½, In the first round Le Roux went down for 8. Steyn did not let up in the second and his heavier punching began to tell. In the third Le Roux countered well. In the fourth, Le Roux damaged his shoulder and Steyn won on a TKO. Domenic Germishuys, 168½, outpointed Kobus Vorster, 167¼, in six rounds.

Andries Steyn, 135¾, disposed of Hennie Snyman, 139, KO in the first round.

Sammy de Beer, 135¼, gained a close four round verdict over Wally Brown, 138¼.

In another four, Hansie van Rooyen, 126¼, outscored Lionel de Hass, 123½. Alfie Pitout, 147¾, was declared winner in the fourth, when Brian Heath's, 142, eye was badly cut.

► **Johannesburg**—Shole Mokoena, 134¼, annexed the Transvaal lightweight title, outpointing Pat Hlabangane, 134¼, over 10 rounds. Mokoena deserved his win against an opponent who employed rought tactics. Phineas Mthembu, 213, retained his Transvaal title, KOing Boses Zibalala in 2 min. 59 secs. of the 10th and final round.

► **Pretoria**—Japie Pretorious, 195, outboxed and out generalled wild swinging Johnny Britz, 201¼, over 10 rounds. From the fourth, action "hotted up" and Pretorious' solid punching and superior fighting turned the fight in his favor. Domenic Germishuys, 167½, outscored Kobus Vorster, 166¼, in six rounds.

Sammy de Beer, 133¾, and Chris Nel, 128¼, drew over six. Chris Roos, 180, won over Ashley Fourie, 187, four round. Harry Barbarie, 137¼, repeated over Wally Brown, 139¼, four, and Hansie van Rooyen, 124¾, did likewise over Lionel de Haas, 123¾, in four rounds.

► **East London**—Levi Madi, 133, stopped Phalo Tshume, 134, in six, TKO. Andrew Nkwentsha, 110, outpointed Sydney Mbangxa, 112, over 8. Jacob Selebalo, 127, TKOd Matthews Skado, 127, four. Lungisa ukasne, 118, won over Johannes Mokotedi, 116, six rounds. Andile Tywabi, 110, beat David Moyo, 108 and Cpril Adams, 117 bested Smuts Mokoena, 117, both over six rounds.

► **Johannesburg**—Italians Aldo Battistutta, 157¾, and Jake Gulino, 129, were beaten by South African champions Pierre Fourie, 158½, and Kokkie Olivier, 136½. Fourie scored a clear cut victory over 10 rounds despite a tremendous punch in the third from the Italian. Fourie proceeded to slug it out but after the fourth elected to box and proved a comfortable winner.

The Olivier-Gulino fight ended in the seventh, when Gulino was disqualified by referee Chris Myburg. The fight turned into a "rough-house" after a clash of heads and Gulino was cut above the eye. His manager refused to let him continue and had to be forcibly restrained. Tempers got the better and it was elbows, knees, and butting. Finally Gulino held on to Olivier's right foot.

Edmund Butler, 117½, won the Transvaal bantam crown by outpointing Morris Weinstein, 116½, over 10 rounds.

Jimmy Carroll, 136½, beat an Hunt, 133¼, on points in the sixth round.

► **Durban** — Gordon Goba, 157½, middleweight champion, continued winning. He beat Joe Sishi, 156½, before 8,000. It was a thrilling toe to toe encounter that had the fans roaring. Neither would give an inch and except for several warnings Sishi might have got a draw. Sishi tired at the end and in the last two rounds Goba piled on the pressure to clinch the verdict.

Fraser Memela TKOd Silas Mbhele in two to annex the Natal heavyweight title.

Substitute Alpheus Sikhosana, 139, was beaten over six by Pat Hlabangane. 132, Samuel Msweli, 162, was a six round points winner over Henry Sidumo, 155½, and Blakeney Matthews, 125, won over Selby Shange, 122½. Abraham Sibeko, 165, outgunned Alpneus Mtshali, 165, in a four.

► **Johannesburg** — Arno Prick, Germany, meted out another boxing lesson to Jimmy Richards over 10 rounds. Using a vicious rapier left jab he opened up Richards for left and right combination hooks. Richards was dropped for counts of 9 in the fourth and eighth rounds. Richards' best round was the seventh in which he drew. Richards weighed 196 and Prick 188.

Jan Kies, 158½, beat Frank Young, 158, of Ireland. Jan was on the floor, writhing in agony, after Young had been ruled out for low blows.

Karel Venter, 134¾, was a 10 round points winner over Henry Brooks, 135, for the Transvaal lightweight championship.

Andries Steyn, stopped Sammy de Beer, TKO in three in a lightweight clash. Gielie Buitendag, 145, TKOd Gavin Crouch, 148½, in two rounds.

FRANK RODRIGUEZ SUFFERS ● BIG SHOCK FROM FLORES ●

By Gib Clark

Tucson, Ariz. — Frank Rodriguez, San Diego, came here to take on The Tucson Terror, unbeaten Paco Flores, in the 10-round main event at the Sports Center. Rodriguez had the reach, height, and weight advantage. But he left the ring at the end of four, TKO'd, suffering his fourth loss for a 10-4-1 record. The victory vaulted Flores to a 10-0 record, gunning for bigger game in the welterweight division.

Paco pounded the tough, game Rodriguez with padded sledgehammers, after opening a cut over the San Diegan's left eye in the fourth round.

Billed as "The Face of an Angel, but the heart of a Devil in the ring, The Tucson Terror tore into the hapless, outclassed Rodriguez with a vengeance in four after opening the cut, the end of the round finding the gory features of Rodriguez unrecognizable.

The highly rated Californian, who has fought both the dethroned California welterweight champion, Gil King, and the now reigning state welterweight champion, Nate Robinson, praised Paco highly, declaring:

"This is the first time I've been cut in a fight. He's plenty fast. I just couldn't keep away from his left after he opened the cut. He's too fast for Gil King. He hits too hard for Peter Cobblah, and I'd rate him slightly better than Nate Robinson."

The 10-round semi-final was on a par with the main event, seeing the impressive new Arizona heavyweight champion, Chuck Olivera, 217½, Phoenix, come back quickly from the staggering effects of a roundhouse right in round one from his opponent Eddie Coffey, Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico. This moved Chuck momentarily to Queer Street. But,in superb condition, plus failure of Coffey to close in for a kill, Olivera was back home quickly and went on to pound out a give-up TKO over his foe in round seven.

An unemotional journeyman fighter, reminding one of Joe Louis, Olivera merits watching.

In the first six-round prelim, Ernie Alegria won a unanimous decision over Ralph Young; the second six-round prelim closed with Cosby Fulbright, the boy who beat Paco Flores in amateur days for the Golden Gloves crown in 1967, decisioned by Rudy Cavola.

The Paco Flores camp is in a quandary. Is Paco prepared to take on bigger game? Has he belted enough experience. From his performance against Frankie Rodriguez it would appear the answer is "yes," Flores hits with his left like a thunderbolt. You don't see the "zig," just the "zag" after it lands.

Flores has developed into a proficient boxer, and has proved he can take the best blows from Ciprio Hernandez and Rodriguez. If Flores lacks anything it is adroitness in taking less.

RINGO'S MISHAP HITS ● ARGENTINE RING INTEREST ●

By Simon Bronenberg and Alfredo Porzio

Buenos Aires, Argentina—There is deep regret here that Oscar Bonavena has broken his wrist, and has been forced to cancel his fight with Floyd Patterson, in New York. Fight interest seems to be concentrated in the doings of Ringo. Importing many world champions to fight here now is out of the question.

► **Santa Fe**—Argentine bantam champion, Hugo Bidyeran, retained his crown, stopping Ibrahim Alvarez by a TKO in eight rounds.

► **Rosario**—Middleweight Ruben "Chingolo" Martinez outpointed Antenor Santillan in 10.

► **Mar del Plata** — Argentine junior lightweight champion Juan Domingo Corradi whipped Hector Pace, former Argentine lightweight champion on points in 10 rounds.

► **Bahia Blanca**—In the welter division, Carlos Gimenez outpointed Carlos Chavez of Peru in 10.

► **Vicuña Mackenna**—Francisco Lopez and Hector Alba drew in 10. Junior welters.

► **Salta** — Former Argentine bantam champion Victor Cardenas defeated Heleno Ferreira on points in 10 rounds.

► **Mendoza**—Undefeated lightweight Juan Vedia stopped Juan Barra in round two. Pedro Aguero won over Pedro Parra in 10.

► **San Rafael (Mendoza)**—Another good prospect in the junior welter class, Juan C. Puma" Gimenez, won over Martin Juarez by a disqualification in the third round.

► **Rosario**—In the lightheavy contest, Ruben Gonzalez stopped Carlos Reąto by a TKO in nine.

► **Cordoba**—Undefeated bantam Jose Casas KOd Fernando Ocampo in the fourth round. On the same card, lightheavy Miguel Carranza KOd Pedro Olivera in four rounds.

► **Concordia** — Miguel Duro and Elmo Cordoba drew in 10 in a middleweight contest.

Results of Fights On Big Garden Undercard

New York, N.Y.—Here are the results of fights on the Frazier-Clay under-card:

Paul Simonetti, Dunmore, Pa., 240, decisioned John Clohessy, Bronx, 202, in four; John Griffin, Cleveland, 184½, stopped Rufus Brassell, Lima, 198, in three; Jim Elder, Levelland, Tex., 209¾, decisioned Charley Harris, Jersey City, 228, in six; Dan McAlinden, England, 194¾, outpointed Rathman Ali (Rudy Clay), Louisville, 188½, in six; Tom Kocan, New York stopped Joey Vasquez, New York, 175, in first.

► **Tucuman**—Alberto D. Gomez won over Camilo Mohamed Ali in six rounds and welters Americo Orellana and Mario Miranda drew in six rounds.

► **Buenos Aires**—Nicolas Arkuszyn and Alejandro Nievas drew in 10. They are junior welters.

► **Bahia Blanca** — In a welter contest, Juan "Yanny" Garcia won over Julio Novella, Peru, by a TKO in the fifth round.

► **Mendoza**—Ramón Rocha won over Daniel Quiroga by a TKO in five of a light heavy contest. Faustino Galdame won over Alfredo Segura by a TKO in the second round of a middleweight bout.

► **Buenos Aires**—Feather, Luis Romo won a tough bout over Carlos Ponce on points in 10 rounds.

► **Mar del Plata**—Anibal Di Lella outpointed Ramón Mendez in 10. in a welter bout.

► **Olavarria**—In a light heavy bout Carlos Santagada won over Mario Gonzalez on points in 10.

► **Junin** — Mario Cuilloti, a welter who finished third in the Olympic games in Mexico, KOd Adolfo Montenegro in the first round. Inocencio Valenzuela KOd Oscar Santillan in one round.

► **San Juan**—In a junior lightweight contest, Victor Etchegaray beat Mario Diaz by a TKO in seven.

► **Merlo**—Argentine junior welter champion, Juan Alberto Aranda, outpointed Rafael Lescano in 10. (Non title bout).

► **La Paz**—In a bantam bout Argentine champion Hugo Bidyeran KOd Luis Roger in nine rounds.

► **Salta**—Oscar Tapia won over Hugo Davila on points in 10 rounds. They are featherweights.

RONDON STOPS DUPREE BUT THE RING STILL BACKS FOSTER

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Dupree lost his pace in the fifth round. In the sixth, the 30-year-old American took a bad beating.

At 2 minutes, 58 seconds of the sixth, Rondon landed a solid left to the face and the fight was ended.

Dupree later insisted that he was entitled to a rematch and would be ready in June.

After Rondon had landed the big left, Jimmy fell into a clinch. Rondon rained blows on Jim and American referee Zach Clayton stopped the fight.

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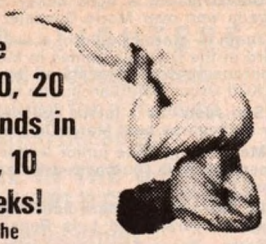

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MEXICAN SOLONS AWARD • TOP HONORS TO CHUCHO •

By Miguel Ramirez Aznor

La Laguna, Mexico— The Mexican Federation of Boxing Commissions voted their annual awards for 1970 as follows:

Fighter of the Year: Jesus "Chucho" Castillo, world bantam champ; Special mention: Raul Cruz, Ricardo Arredondo and Clemente Sanchez. Best prospect: Salvador Martinez Carrillo.

Fight of the Year: Chucho Castillo and Ruben Olivares; most thrilling fight: Raul Cruz and Vicente Garcia (first meeting); Rock of the year: Ricardo Delgado and Clemente Sanchez.

► **Gomez Palacio**—Roberto Alvarez, 118, Guadalajara, stopped Julio Cesar Segura, 117, La Laguna, in the first round. "Raton" Palacios (Leonardo Aguero) 137, KO'd Ramon Rodriguez, 135, Colima champion, in the third round. Francisco "Paco" Pizaña, 115, La Laguna flyweight champ, iced Manuel Barajas, Guadalajara, 116, in three. Ignacio "Nacho" Pulido, Guadalajara, 110, stopped Jesus Rios, 113, in two rounds.

► **Gomez Palacio** — Pedro Cordero, Guadalajara, 118, halted Francisco "Paco" Pizaña, 119, La Laguna lyweight champion, in the ninth round. 16 year old Enrique Meza, 115, Mexico City, KOd Carlos Fernandez, 116, in the fifth round. Jose Luis Hernandez, 132, stopped "Borris" Gaona, 131, in five. "The Little General" Zenteno Rangel, 122, Golden Gloves champion, started as a pro with a clean cut two-round kayo over Ernesto Blanco, 124. Manuel Dominguez, 118, bombed Enrique Rangel, 116, in the fourth round.

► **San Pedro**—"Raton" Palacios (Leonardo Aguero in California rings) 135, scored a three-round KO over Roberto "Perico" Rivera, 130, Torreon. Ricardo Diaz, 125, stopped Rogelio Amador, 124, in the fifth. Jesus "Chuy" Rivas, 120, kayoed "Zorrito" Bautista, 122, in three.

► San Pedro — Here is Leonardo Aguero again! Under the name of "Raton" Palacios, 136, he kayoed "Pulgarcito" Heredia, 138, in five rounds. Mario de la Cruz "The General," 133, stopped Julio Hernandez, 130, in the fourth. Rogelio Bautista, 130, stopped Ricardo Solis, 129, in eight.

► **Gomez Palacio**—Oh no! You again, Señor Raton? Leonardo Aguero or "Raton" Palacios, 137, scored his fourth triumpt of the month. Now the "boom-boom" Mouse embalmed Eduardo "Lalo" Castro, 135, Mexico City, in the eighth round. In the best fight of the card, ensational newcomer Enrique Meza, 114, kayoed hard hitter Victor Gomez, 117, Monterrey, in the fist round. Fermin Rivera "The Toreador" 124, kayoed Lalo Manzanares, 121, Monterrey, in the sixth. Felx Alvarado, 125, scored a one-round kayo over Zenteno Rangel, 123, the little soldier of the simon pures. Raul Valdes, 117, got the decision over Jose Luis Medrano, 116, four rounds.

► **Monterrey**—Antonio Amaya, 135, Panama high rank man, whipped veteran Ultiminio "Sugar" Ramos, 134, former feather champ of the world, in 10 rounds. It was a one sided fight. "Rocky" Garcia, 116, Monterrey, KOd Jörge "Pato" Madrigal, Costa Rica, C.A., 115, in the second heat. Tarcisio Gomez, 110, kid brother of Octavio "Famoso" Gomez, decisioned Erasmo Flores, 111, in 10. Bernabe "Babe" Vazquez, 136, former National lightweight champion, easily whipped Victor Rodrigo, 134, from Costa Rica, C.A. Roberto Duran, 125, Panama, scored a six-round kayo over local Jose Herrera, 125.

► **Monterrey**—Jose Angel Zamora, 137, defeated Alfonso "Coneja" Aguirre, 140, La Laguna champ, in 10 rounds. Sigfrido Rorriguez, 133, stopped Jesus Rodriguez, 133, in the second round.
► **Monterrey**—Tony Velazquez, 130, beat "Chamaco" Limon, 129, in 10 rounds. Salvador Gonzalez, 122, kayoed Silvino Vazquez, 125, in the sixth.

► **Tijuana**—Municipal Auditorium was a full house and a gate of $40,000 American dollars, as Julio Guerrero, 117, scored a 10-round decision over Efren "Alacran" Torres, 117. The decision was split. Efren visited the canvas in the second heat and this fact probably gave Julio the little margin. Joe Valdes, 125, stopped Beto Maya, 126, Mexico City, in the seventh round. Cesar Ordoñez, 124, defeated Antonio "Zurdo" Fuentes, 125, Mexicali, in 10 rounds.

OMAHA FANS STUNNED BY HERNANDEZ' LOSS • TO MOYER •

By Robert J. Ruiz

Las Vegas, Nev.—Omaha fans were stunned as Art Hernandez, 160, dropped a unanimous verdict to old pro Denny Moyer, 159, Portland, in 12 gruelling rounds.

Moyer bled from eye cuts from the second heat on, but kept up a steady attack as Art wilted. Hernandez was dropped for the first time in over two years with a left hook to the jaw in the seventh. Benvenuti couldn't floor him in a 10-rounder, nontitle bout.

Hernandez, suffering weight problems, had only four days to lose seven pounds to make contract weight. Obviously, he was weakened but he knew better and must now pay the price of those late night beers.

The loss snapped Art's win streak, including three straight KOs. His record now reads 46-14-2 compared to Moyer's 103-6.

Moyer bled during the last four rounds but it didn't deter him one bit as he kept up the pressure. Unfortunately, from Omaha's point of view, Art was too far gone to do much about anything.

FOUR NAVY BOXERS WIN TITLES • IN CAROLINA TOURNEY •

By Jack Levinson

Charleston, S.C. — Four Norfolk-based Navy boxers, led by Cove Green, captured championships in the Carolinas AAU Boxing Tournament. Green, selected the tournament's outstanding boxer, repeated as champion, scoring a second round TKO over Russell Fickling, Charleston.

John David, 119, outpointed Patrick Jackson of the U.S. Marines. Daniel Almeida decisioned Donald Faulkner, Charlotte, in three. Duane Bobick stopped Harold Meeks of the Maries, in the second round. Crudeslant boxers losing in the finals were Jiles Walls, 125; William Goodman, 139; Billy Daniels, 156, and Robert Jennings, 178.

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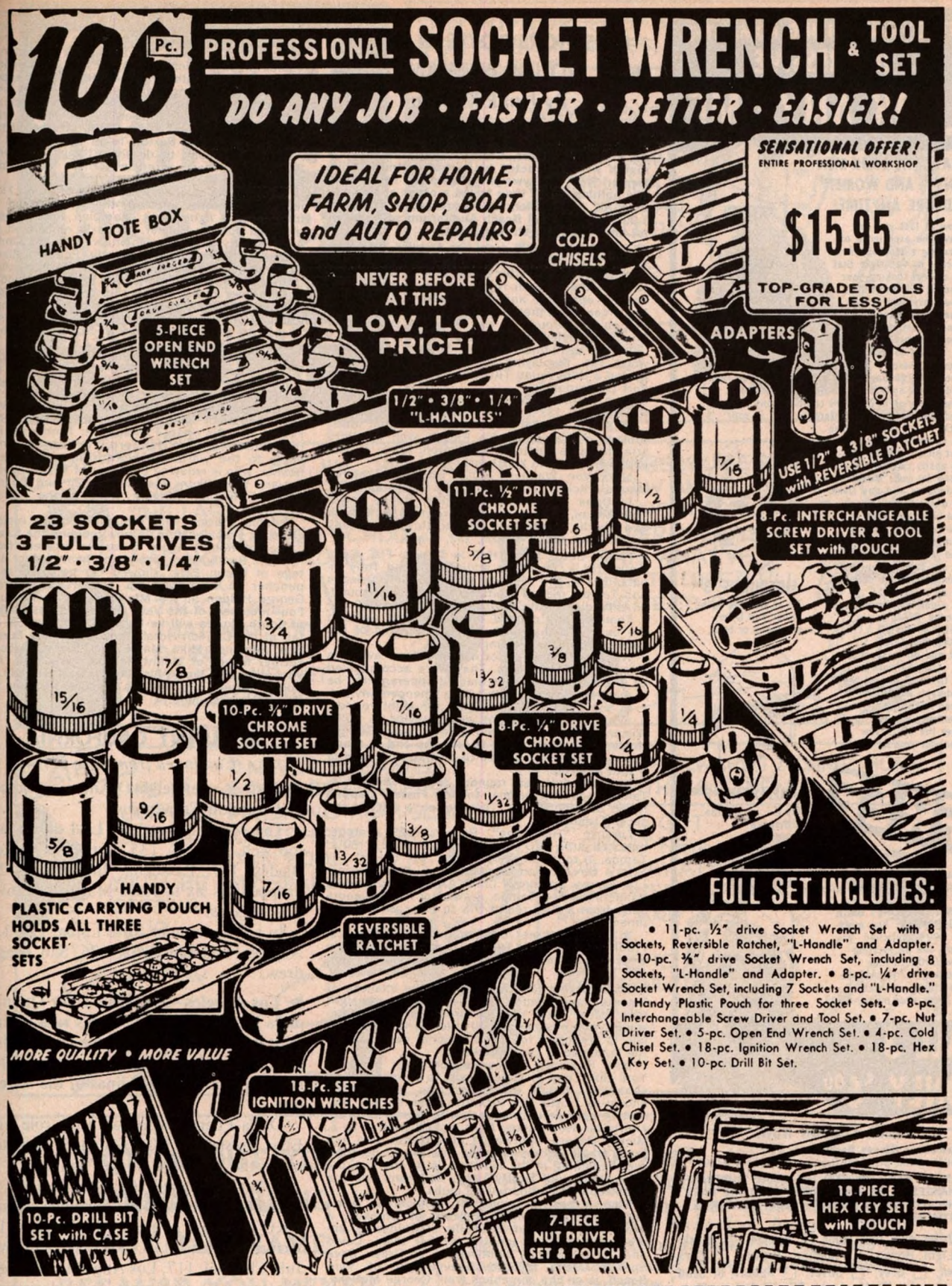

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ELLIS STOPS DOYLE IN TENTH ROUND AT MIAMI

By Hank Kaplan

Miami Beach, Fla.—In the midst of the Frazier-Ali preparation here, Chris Dundee slipped in a match which attracted his patrons. Jimmy Ellis, former WBA heavyweight champion, who would like nothing better than to get a crack at Muhammad Ali, his stablemate, impressed a crowd of 3,000 at the Miami Beach Auditorium with powerful left hooks and straight rights.

Tony Doyle, at 207, from Los Angeles, just off a victory over Terry Daniels, was made a KO victim in the 10th round after being sent to the canvas twice in the seventh round. Jimmy outboxed his heavier opponent and was ahead at the finish. Doyle conceded that Ellis, 198¼, was high on boxing ability through it was Jimmy's power that finally crumbled the elongate Doyle.

In the semi-final, Tommy Torino, 159, Hollywood, Fla., displaying some of his earlier form, posted a third round TKO over Cliff Johnson, 153, Fort Lauderdale.

Fast improving Eddie Peeples, 195, Miami, beat Rene Kinsey, 183¼, Miami, via a third round TKO.

In a four rounder Roberto Ayalla, 138½, latest protege of trainer Ritchie Riesgo, won his third straight as he quieted Andy Walton, 135¼, Miami, with a third round knockout.

Mark Von Wagner, 160½, Hollywood, belted Harold Mitchell, 160, Miami, to a third round KO.

In three round amateur fights, Bobby Floyd, 165, Miami, outboxed John Brown, 168, Miami, and Charlie Wilson, 136, Miami, threw too many punches for Jackie Karpin, 132, Miami.

► At the Curtis Hixon Hall in Tampa, Fla., Gene Wells, 151½, Louisville and Miami, and Tony Licata, 161½, the teenage terror of New Orleans and Tampa, met in a bitterly fought eight rounder, extending Licata's unbeaten record to 18-0-1.

Though Tony copped the unanimous decision the bout was the most closely contested of ten Licata showings in Tampa.

Wells, a willing performer who fires away, is tutored by Jimmy Ellis. They were accompanied by Angelo Dundee. Wells made it apparent that he is ready for a return with Licata whenever invited.

In the semi-final scheduled for eight rounds, a new light heavyweight was unveiled in Willie Wilson, 178,, Tampa, who stowed away Georgie Holden, 185, Melbourne, toward the end of round seven. Holden was unable to continue because of a split inner lip.

In a scheduled six rounder, Walter White, 174, Tampa, sparring partner to Bob Foster, stopped Ralph Sanchious, 171, Orlando, on a TKO in the second round.

Lorenzo "Hurricane" Roberts, 159, Tampa, punched out a TKO victory over Jim Staley, 160¼, Tampa, in round three.

In a three round amateur bout, Ray Patrone, 114, Tampa, protege of Chino Alvarez, and Freddie Vanderham, 114, Tampa, drew after Patrone came back from a first round trip to the canvas for a nine count.

In another three rounder involving amateurs, Frank Suarez, 150, Tampa, counterpunched his way to a close decision over Jerry Hutchinson, 145, Lakeland.

► Local boxing fans are high on the chances of Vicente Paul Rondon for the light heavyweight title. Leon Ellzy, the Sanford amateur middleweight who has copped all titles in Central Florida, is preparing for a professional career under the guidance of Dick Kondracki.

Moe Fleischer, former matchmaker for New York clubs, now giving an assist to promoter Chris champion. Benny Novellino, who used to be known as "Little Tex Rickard" when he was promoting fight around Newark with Jimmy Brienza, knows his New Jersey fight history from A to Z. Mickey Genero, lightweight globetrotter who had many rough battles crowded into his 12 year career beginning in the twenties, is on the sick list here along with Scotty Lang, for many years a timekeeper in Florida boxing clubs.

Glen Moses, promoter of Melbourne "Mini-Fights" anages Tommy Howard of Bronson, a heavyweight hopeful, Bob Ellis of Gainsville, another heavyweight and the brother team, David and Jimmy Hamm, lightweights of Green Cove Springs. Gene Idylette, heavyweight of Vero Beach, is on the comeback trail. George Matisko, New York and New Jersey heavyweight, looking for action, training at the Fifth Street Gym. Dick Lee, former Miami welterweight and long a promoter of amateur shows here, has the City of Miami behind a large amateur boxing program with headquarters at the Dinner Key Auditorium. At last count there were three hundred boys in the programs with plans developing rapidly for future boxing shows in various areas of the Country.

Buddy Taylor, boxing out of Miami, returned to his former home and dropped a highly controversial decision to Bahamas welterweight champion Ray Minus, at the Stadium in Nassau, Bahamas.

Former light heavyweight champion Tommy Loughran visited with Miami Herald writer Jack Kofoed and talked of the old days around Philadelphia boxing clubs where they got their starts. Miami has had a bonanza in visits by former fistic men with late vists by Bobby Barett, the super puncher from Pennsylvania and Joe Guinan, who is credited as founder of the National Veteran Boxer's Association. Retired to the Miami area for some time now is Willie Clark, member of the 1920 U.S. Olympic Boxing Team which treked to Antwerp, Belgium, to do their thing along with Sammy Mossberg, Frankie Genero and Eddie Eagan.

The Veteran Boxer's Association of South Florida has recently enlisted the membership of former world lightweight champion Jimmy Goodrich and Johnny Rosner, formerly recognized as American flyweight champion, who fought Jimmy Wilde for world honors. Grady Ponder, Miami lightweight, is looking for action. Marty Kaplan, former collegiate champion and tough pro middleweight, later turned artist, showed up at the Convention Hall for Clay-Frazier. So did Tony Alongi, former Hollywood heavyweight and Jack Kearns, Jr. son of Jack "Doc" Kearns, manager of Jack Dempsey and Mickey Walker.

Solly Seeman, once contender for lightweight honors, spent two weeks here with wife Rose. We enjoyed their company. Willie Wilson, Tampa light heavyweight with a diversified amateur career in his background looks like a pro comer. Lou Viscusi, mentor of light heavyweight champion Bob Foster, had his charge training in Tampa for his title defense against Hal Carroll in Scanton. Once close to the world flyweight title was Johnny Rosner, who is enjoying the clime of Miami Beach. So are Yale Okun, Mannie Wexler and Charlie Beecher, leather slinging stars of the roaring twenties.

Ritchie Riesgo, who brought out the rapidly climbing Frankie Otero, is now molding the future career of Robert Ayala, a former amateur from Hialeah. Randy Clark, promising heavyweight protege of Baron Pate, showed his potential as a puncher in capturing his sixth straight from George Holden at the Miami Beach Auditorium. Four members of the Veteran Boxer's Association of South Florida will be honored at its annual affair at the Carillon Hotel. They are Jimmy Burns, Ben Seamon, Mike Mazie and Benny Nabors. Former Mayor of Mount Vernon, New York, Joe Vacarella, who boxed his way to a political life as Bobby Vernon, now spends most of his time on the golf course here.

IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

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against featherweights Antonio Gomez and Frankie Crawford.

The Mexican brothers Leal didn't fare too well. Manuel, 135, lost in six to Lou Blades, 137, Pasadena. Julio Leal, 127, dropped his six to Jesus Marquez, 126½, Los Angeles.

In a four-rounder, Jose Lujan, 124, Los Angeles, and Gil Ortiz, 126, San Diego, drew.

► **Los Angeles**—Part-time actor Orlando de la Fuente made one of his rare boxing appearances in town, but his layoff didn't hurt him as he scored an impressive 10-rounder over Carlos Salinas of the Argentine.

De la Fuente, who had a big role with Elvis Presley in "Kid Galahad," was too much the boxer for slugger Salinas.

Orlando weighed 161; Salinas, 158.

Buddy Barreal, 147, Torrance, scored a KO over Jose Armeta, 145, Mexico (1); Arturo Pineda, 118, Mexico, KO over Jule Chappal, 117, Los Angeles (2); Hugo Barazza, 130, Colombia, S.A., decisioned Rafael Lopez, 128, East Los Angeles.

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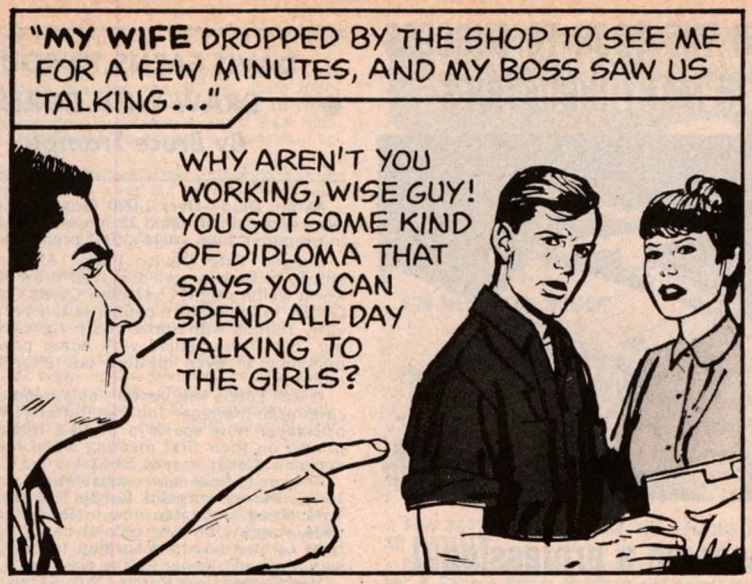

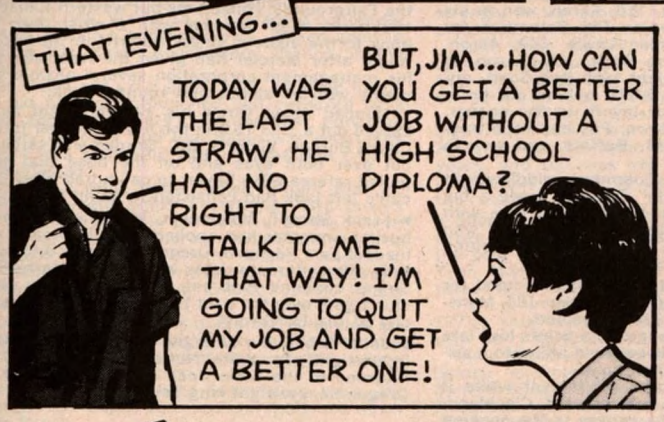

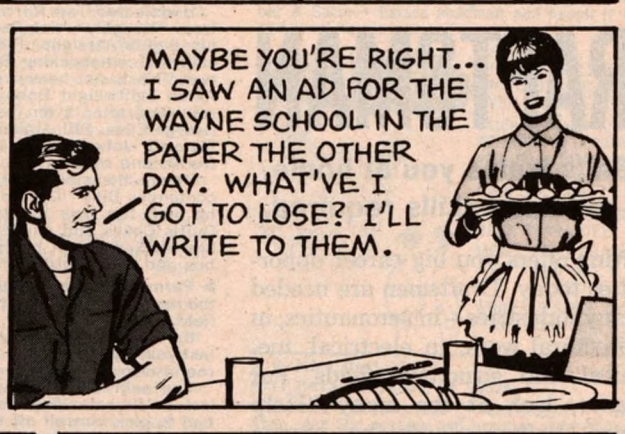

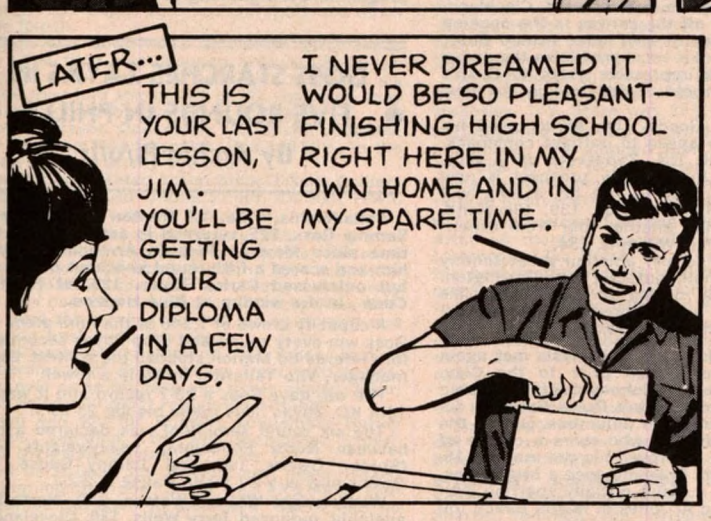

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DAVIS EARNS 10-ROUND DRAW WITH COKES

By Bruce Trampler

Akron, Ohio—Over 1,000 fans were on hand to witness a pair of torrid 10-rounders at the Armory in promoter John Laria's first promotion.

Rugged Fate Davis, 156½, Akron, came on strong to earn a well-deserved draw with former world welterweight champion Curtis Cokes, 158½, Dallas, in the feature bout. The tall Texan took the early rounds with some sharp right hand punching, but Davis rallied with some powerful body punching to even matters out after the full 30 minutes.

It was Fate's last venture as a middleweight, according to manager John McCafferty. The popular bricklayer now sports a 35-10-2 record, and improved on their first meeting when he dropped a decision. Cokes is now 59-11-4.

The semi-final saw sensational Andre Reed, 134½, Akron, outpoint Bobby Hughes, 137, New York. Reed, unbeaten now in four starts, won by wide margins on two official cards, but lost the fight by two points according to one judge. This was a crowd pleaser all the way.

Undefeated Tap Harris, 150, Akron, won in six from "Naughty" Nick Peoples, 154, Columbus, for his eighth straight. Frankie Lewis, 147, Akron, stopped comebacking Bob Scott, 154, Akron, in two. This is not heavyweight Irish Bob Scott, nor Akron lightweight Bobby Scott, but an old timer returning after a ten year layoff. In the opener, George Elias, 170, Uniontown, Pa., had little trouble with John Wilcox, 184, Buffalo, and won in the second round.

Before the main bout, Columbus middleweight contender Billy "Dynamite" Douglas made a big hit with the fans by standing face to face with Curtis Cokes and challenging the ex-champ, who has ducked out of bouts with Douglas in Columbus and Washington, according to Bill.

► **Parma**—A near sellout crowd was on hand for the rematch between Art (Curly) Miller, 185, Mansfield, and Harold Carter, 180, Cleveland.

Carter gained mild revenge for a points loss late last year by holding the 40-year old Miller to a six-round draw in a good action bout.

The semi-final had some excitement while it lasted. Unbeaten Frankie Kolovrat, 147, Cleveland, had to pick himself off the canvas in the opening minute of his co-feature with jaded Arnold Bush, 150, Cincinnati. Frankie recovered from the sneak right to land some impressive shots to Bush's arms and knock Arnold "cold" late in the first heat.

Otis "Lightning" Goode, 156, Akron, used his height and superior speed to outfight comebacking Tommy Russell, 154, Zanesville, in a four. John McCafferty's Rubber City prospect is now 5-3, and may be ready to run off a long win streak. Debuting Henry Young, 139, Cleveland, looked good in taking another four from experienced townsman Willie Williams, 134.

Another four saw former amateur great Johnny North, 120, Cincinnati, outpoint Ray Carrington, 124, Cleveland, in a rousing go. North looks like the goods. This was his first pro start after amassing numerous simon-pure titles.

► **New York**—A pair of old Ohio rivals met again in Madison Square Garden prior to the Clay-Frazier bout. Cleveland's Johnny Griffin repeated a third-round TKO over Lima's Rufus Brassell, duplicating a late 1967 win in Columbus. Griffin, the classy Peers, Inc. fighter who owns a couple of National AAU titles, improved his pro mark to 16-4 with his sixth kayo. Brassell, once a bright prospect, has faded as a result of daily sparring with Ali, Jimmy Ellis, and Al Jones in Miami Beach the last couple of years. He's now 14-5.

► **Columbus** — High ranking middleweight contender Billy "Dynamite" Douglas, a top bet to become the greatest fighter yet produced in the Capital City, continues to hone his skills as he waits for a shot at another ranked foe. Douglas' Blackburn Recreation Center team placed high in the recent Columbus Golden Gloves tournament held at Cooper Arena on the State Fairgrounds. The exciting "Dynamiter" boasts a 16-4-1 record, and is now being booked by this writer.

► **Cleveland** — One of the country's brightest young 175-pound prospects is Irish Billy Wagner, the classy young battler from nearby Collinwood. One of the state's top drawing cards, Wagner owns a 25-2-1 record which includes 18 kayos. He is scheduled to defend his Ohio light heavyweight crown against city rival Johnny Griffin on an upcoming Arena show.

► **Indianapolis**—Howard Ladin, enterprising young sportsman from this city who promoted in several Ohio towns, including Lorain, Akron, Columbus, and Cincinnati, in addition to his hometown, has announced his retirement from the fght game in order to devote more time to his business interests.

DUNCAN, NEVADA HEAVY, NOTCHES 16th WIN

By Carl Stewart

Carson City—Nevada heavyweight champion "Irish Pat" Duncan has now notched 16 wins in 18 times at bat as a "punch for pay" battler in the very active northwest boxing ranks with his fifth chukker KO of Junior Ray Ellis at Reno, quickly followed by a one stanza KO over Chuck Borden at Eugene, Oregon, both bouts were scheduled for 10 rounds.

Undefeated Terry Hinke a 6 ft. 4 in., 210 pound 21 year old of Eugene has ticked-off 14 wins and a draw in a pro career spanning less than two years and he is fast emerging as the best gate magnet in Oregon. Hinke came from behind to post a three round KO over Ken Austin of Lovelock under the Duncan-Ellis headliner at Reno and then invaded Klamath Falls, Oregon a week later to take a points victory over shifty southpaw Maurice Rice of Seattle in the 14 round main.

Duncan and Hinke then gloved-up in companion 10-rounders for co-promoters John Carbray and Bob "I Worry" Richmond in Eugene and attracted a sell-out crowd into the little "Cow Palace" at the Fairgrounds. Hinke took-out western Canadian trial-horse Hugh Mercier with a wrist deep left hook to the visitors ample mid-riff in the second round after Mercier had given the local star and his management corporation several anxious moments with an all-out first round attack.

Duncan never threw his vaunted right as he carved out a 1:53 TKO in the first heat over rotund Chuck Borden, Victoria, B.C. Borden was seriously cut over both eyes and on the nose that compelled referee Mike Seyler to call a halt after Duncan's left jabs had consistently found their mark.

► Frank Sturgill, Vancouver, Washington's young boxing promoter has applied for a license to risk his loot as a Portland, Oregon promoter and hopefully offer alternate dates with the Vic Harris-Sam Singer combine that has promoted a few small club fights over the past two years in the "Queen" city of the Northwest.

► John Gabel who emerged as a trainer for Utah lightweight star Keith Nuttall 25 years ago has returned to the fistic flock as advisor-trainer for Oregon heavyweight king Terry Hinke.

GOSS STARCHES ZAYAS IN FIVE ROUNDS IN PHILLY

By Archie Pirolli

Philadelphia, Pa. — Trenton featherweight Sammy Goss, 125, returned to action for the first time since Mexican Ricardo Arredondo stopped him and scored a fifth-round knockout over game, but outclassed Carlos Zayas, 124, of Hartford, Conn., in the windup at Blue Horizon.

A capacity crowd of 1,346 at the mini-arena saw Goss win every round and drop Zayas seconds before referee Ed Marion stopped the contest. Zayas' manager, Vito Tallarita, threw in a towel.

The win gave Goss a 20-2 record and it was his 12th KO. Zayas' loss made his log 25-23-3.

The six round semi-final was declared a draw between North Phildelphia heavyweights Gene (Spider) Owens, 190, and Johnny Gause, 203. Owens now is 5-2-1 while Gause is 2-2-1.

Welterweight William Watson, 149, North Philadelphia, outboxed Jerry Wells, 139, Cleveland, to gain a six-round decision. North Philadelphia middleweight Bobby (Boogaloo) Watts, 159, suffered a late knockdown and hung on for dear life to capture a hotly disputed six-rounder over New Yorker Roy Edmonds, 160.

Trenton welterweight Willie Daniels, 142, scored his fourth KO in a row when he stopped George Green, 145, Washington, D.C., at 2:11 of the second round.

No hard puncher, Mario Saurennann, had sufficient power to stop C. L. Lewis in the last round, the 12th for the State Welterweight crown. Both are Philadelphians.

Only one point ahead going into the final round, Mario had pounded Lewis into helplessness when referee Joe Shannon called a halt with only 19 seconds left to go.

The pouring rain held the crowd to 828 and the gross receipts to $2,810. The loser at 144, was one pound heavier. It was Mario's concentrated attack to the body that weakened Lewis and C. L. began to wilt in the ninth round. Mario's win brings his record to 13-9-4. For C. L. it was the 13th defeat against 17 wins and six draws.

Obie English, a good young 195-pounder, scored a sensational knockout over George Hill, 206, in the first round of the semi-final.

THE BRITISH ISLES

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Another triple champion, Ralph Charles, who holds the British, European and Empire welter titles, was too good for Bobby "Songbird" Williams, U.S.A., 150½, the bout being stopped in the third. At that stage Williams had little to sing about.

The American was never in the hunt. Charles jabbed and hooked almost at will, and when he banged away to the body Williams tried in vain to keep out of trouble.

The end came when Charles delivered five successive blows to the head with no retaliation. Referee Harry Gibbs immediately intervened. Charles weighed 148¾.

Now Charles, like Rudkin, is seeking a world title fight, with British promoters trying to entice Billy Backus. If they can pay enough, he'll come.

Mark Rowe, Camberwell, former British and Empire middleweight champ, 160½, showed Dramane Ouedrago, French Ivory Coast, 160, no mercy, knocking the stuffing out of him with body blows in the sixth.

Ouedrago sank to one knee, but couldn't beat the count. He had been busy enough, but as soon as Rowe belted away to the mid-section the writing was on the wall.

When they met in 1969 Ouedrago took Rowe the full distance before losing on points.

Johnny Clark, Walworth, 119, leading contender for Alan Rudkin's bantam crown, looked good in stopping Ben Salah Abdesselem, France, in the fourth.

Ben Salah put up a great fight, right up to the end, but he was outpunched and outboxed by a better opponent. Clark's combination punching was very effective and Ben Salah was eventually brought to a standstill. Then referee Don Chandler intervened.

Once in a while there comes a fight that for sheer excitement beats everything. Two boxers just punching it out in the survival of the fittest. Such a fight was the one in which Southern Area lightweight champion Brian Hudson, Woodford, 135 stopped former British Junior lightweight champ Jimmy Anderson, Enfield, 136½, in six rounds.

Hudson is noted for his durability, Anderson for the power of his punch. When the former was floored in the first round it seemed that Jimmy was on the way to victory.

Nothing could have been further from the truth. Brian got up, fought back and put Anderson down in the fourth.

Jimmy was down twice and Brian three times before the fight was stopped because Anderson suffered a cut over the left eye. In those six rounds they had the crowd on its feet, and they received a fantastic ovation at the close.

Howard Hayes, Doncaster, 127, is still unbeaten after stopping Jose Cascales, Spain, 130½, in the second because of any eye injury.

Another undefeated boxer, Mick O'Neill, Colliers Wood, 161, stopped Darkie Smith, Kentish Town, 161, in the fourth, on an eye injury.

► **Wolverhampton**—Jack Bodell, 203, No. 1 contender for the British heavyweight title, flattened Jack O'Halloran, Boston, 240¾, in four rounds at the Civic Hall. Hundreds of fans were turned away from this capacity crowd promotion by Alex Griffiths. And those who couldn't get in missed one of Jack's best performances.

O'Halloran was rushed to the ropes, took a bombardment of Bodell blows from both hands, rolled over on to his face and never moved. Afterwards he said "I don't remember a thing."

Great win too for Bodell's stablemate Bunny Johnson, Jamaica, 184, who outpointed experienced Dick Hall, Boston, 187, over 10.

Hall once beat Joe Bugner, but never looked like winning this one. Score was 49¾-48¾. Hall sometimes switched to southpaw, but it had no effect.

Freddie McMillan, Glasgow, 140, boxed a six-round draw with Billy Belnavis, Wolverhampton, 136¼. A good debut for Mac, whose brother Angus McMillan, Glasgow, 139½, outscored Freddie Williams, Nuneaton, 135¼, also over six, 29¾-29½.

► **World Sporting Club, London** — A setback for Danny McAlinden, Coventry, 199, who was held to a draw by American Tommy Hicks, 182½, over 10 rounds. Previously Dan won in seven.

Hicks switched from orthodox to southpaw, was cut by the left eye in the sixth, yet kept going in a hectic encounter. McAlinden's lack of speed was responsible for his not following up his openings when he made them.

Amos Talbot, Manchester, outpointed Jimmy Fairweather, Jamaica, in an eight-round welterweight bout. Talbot's greater experience saw him through. His inside work was excellent against an opponent who never stopped trying but lacked the know-how.

Dave Morgan, Stepney, 135, outpointed Noel McIver, Luton, 136, over six by 29¾-29½.

Maurice Thomas, Antigua, 164, shared honors with Pat Mahoney, Caridff 175, over six.

► **Premier Ring Sporting Club, London** — Impressive display by Dennis Flynn, Enfield, 132, who in only his fifth bout outpointed experienced Gary Yean, Liverpool, 137½, over eight, Flynn's first bout over this distance.

Score was 39½-39, and as Flynn was a last-minute substitute the win was all the more meritorous. Yean started confidently, but had to yield to Flynn's strength. The latter's right eye was closed, but he kept his southpaw jab working to gain a clear victory.

Bobby Barrett, Battersea, 164, outpointed Billy Brooks, Chiswick, 162, over six by 30-29¼, keeping on top throughout.

Gerald Gooding, Jamaica, 163, had it easy, outscoring Bill Deasy, Oxford, 160► by 30-28¾ over six rounds.

► **Bedfordshire Sporting Club** — The Central Area middleweight title changed hands when Pat Dwyer, Liverpool, 160, stopped the holder, Ronnie Hough, Liverpool, with 37 seconds of their 10-rounder left.

The largest crowd yet at the Club saw Dwyer floor Hough for eight in the seventh, and for nine in the 10th. whereupon the referee intervened.

Dusty Smith, Willesden, 150, narrowly outpointed Des Morrison, St. Ives, 148, over six by 29½-29¼.

► **Aberavon**—Johnny Cooke, Bootle, 150¼, former British and Empire welter champion, may be nearer 40 than 30, but he still has his skill and ringcraft. He proved too much for Dick Duffy, Cardiff, 157, Cooke winning 39½-39¼ over eight.

Duffy had been inactive for six months, and this was evident in the early rounds, but he came strongly in the second half of the bout, Cooke's experience seeing him through.

Colin Miles, Cardiff, 117½, kept his Welsh bantam crown by outpointing Gareth Howells, Llanelli, 116, over 10 by 49½-48¾. Howells battled under the handicap of an eye injury.

Billy Hardacre, Liverpool, 128¼, gained an eight-round points win over Glyn Davies, Ilanelli, 126¾. Davies has been a top bantam for several years, and this was his first fight as a featherweight, but he was up against one of the best in the country.

► **Shoreditch, London** — Johnny Stracey, Bethnal Green, 147¼, kept his unbeaten record and gained the best win of his short career by knocking out Yvon Mariolle, contender for the French welter title, 147½, in the sixth with a left hook.

Former amateur star Howard Hayes, Doncaster, 127½, kept his unbeaten certificate by drawing with Gerry McBride, Manchester, 128, over eight.

Dave Needham, Nottingham, 121½, another unbeaten ex-amateur star, stopped experienced Sammy Abbey, Ghana, 125½, in seven. Southpaw Needham was always in command.

Both Hayes and Needham are managed by former British and Empire middleweight champion Johnny Pritchett.

Gerald Gooding, Jamaica, 163½, gained a disputed six-rounds points verdict over Mick Quigley, Holloway, 175. Score was 29¾-29¼.

► **Derbyshire Sporting Club**—Jack Cotes, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, 191, stopped John Cullen, Northampton, 188, in the second round after flooring him twice. Cullen managed to survive the first and the referee intervened in the next session.

► **Anglo-American Sporting Club, Manchester** — After 18 months' inactivity Tony Cunningham, Liverpool, 131, chose to return against one of the best featherweights in Britain, Tommy Glencross, Glasgow, 128½, Glencross eked out a narrow 39¼-39 points win over eight.

Cunningham was floored for four in the first round but battled back gamely. Fortunes fluctuated, and everything depended on the final round.

A good performance by Cunningham, who took the fight on 48 minutes' notice.

Tony Bagshaw, Hull, 150, and Pat Thomas, Cardiff, 146, were both disqualified in the fourth for persistent holding.

► **National Sporting Club, London** — Former Southern Area middleweight champion Toward Sharpe, Jamaica, 162, outpointed Barry Calderwood, Manchester, 157 over eight by 39½-39¼, but nearly threw it away by taking it easy in the middle rounds.

Sharpe started fast, then eased, Calderwood got a cut right eye in the fourth, but kept plugging away, and ittook a last round effort by Sharpe to clinch matters.

A lightweight to watch is Herbie McLean, Edinburgh, 136, who won his fourth bout as a pro by outscoring Johnny Waddingham, Islington, 136, over eight. Both suffered eye injuries in a gruelling encounter.

Dennis Forbes, Willesden, 190, beat southpaw Paul Cassidy, Bournemouth, 39¾-38¼, in an eight-rounder.

► **Newport**—Fine comeback by Dave Cranswick, Cardiff, 150½, who outpointed Barry Calderwood, Manchester, 156, over eight. And a fine contest, too, much appreciated by the fans at Cleopatra's Palace. The score was 39¼-38¾.

Over six rounds Pat Thomas, Cardiff, outpointed Mohammed Ellah, Ghana, 30-28¾.

A good pro debut by Neil Gauci, Cardiff, 18-year-old, but not quite good enough, for he was outpointed by Nick Kennedy, Doncaster, over six, 29¾-29¼.

Paul Wilson, Cardiff, also making his debut, was more successful, outpointing Mansey Turner, Bournemouth, over six, 29¾-29¼.

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► **Bethnal Green, London**—In his last fight before beating Henry Cooper, Joe Bugner, 216, could manage only a draw over 10 rounds with Canadian Bill Drover, 205½.

Drover had all the physical handicaps, yet overcame them by sheer determination. Early on it looked as if all Bugner had to do was keep employing his left jab to win comfortably. But he allowed Drover to get in close, and he permitted him to land too many swings from both hands.

Bugner had the skill, but Drover refused to be subdued, and was good value for his draw. Bugner's manager Andy Smith said the fight had been a calculated risk. The bout was ideal preparation for the Cooper contest.

In an eliminator for the British bantamweight title, John Kellie, Glasgow, 116½, beat Southern Area champion Tony Humm, Tottenham, 118, who retired at the end of the seventh with a nose injury that prevented his breathing properly.

Humm was down for seven in the sixth from a right to the body, and although Kellie's left eye was injured it wasn't serious.

"Gypsy" Johnny Frankham, Reading, 176½, won his boxer vs. fighter duel with hard-hitting Phil Matthews, Manchester, 172, outpointing him over eight by 39¾-39¼.

Kevin Finnegan, Cowley, 161, the brother of British cruiserweight champion Chris Finnegan, stopped Dave Ivory, Brizton, 160½, in four.

► **Southend**—Ronnie Hough, Liverpool, 160¾, was ruled out for persistent holding against Teddy Meho, Ghana, 150½, in the third round, at the Cliffs Pavilion.

Jackie Lee, Hoxton, 137, beat Bryn Lewis, Porthcawl, 135½,. The bout was stopped in the third when Lewis suffered an eye injury. Southpaw Lee was in command when it ended.

Paul Cassidy, Bournemouth, 180¾, outjabbed Brian Hall, Bexleyheath, 184½, with his southpaw right to in their eight-rounder on points, 39½-39.

Noel McIvor, Luton, 134, stopped Mickey Van Day, Brighton, 127½, in the third because of an eye injury.

► **Nottingham**—Tommy Sobles, Leeds, 137¼, beat former ABA champion Johnny Cheshire, Ayr, 136¼, who retired at the end of the sixth with an injured mouth. Sobles was mainly on top, with two-handed punching.

Dusty Smith, Camden Town, 154, outscored Alan Reid, Edinburgh, 151½ over eight by 40-38¾, but the crowd was not unanimous, even though the official margin was a large one.

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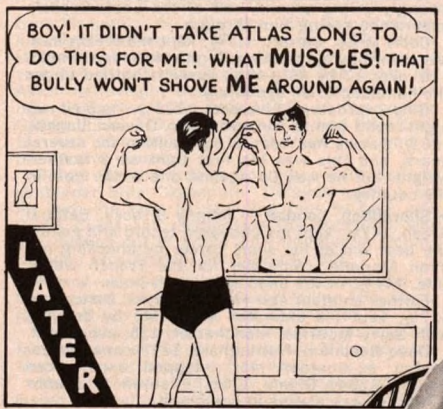

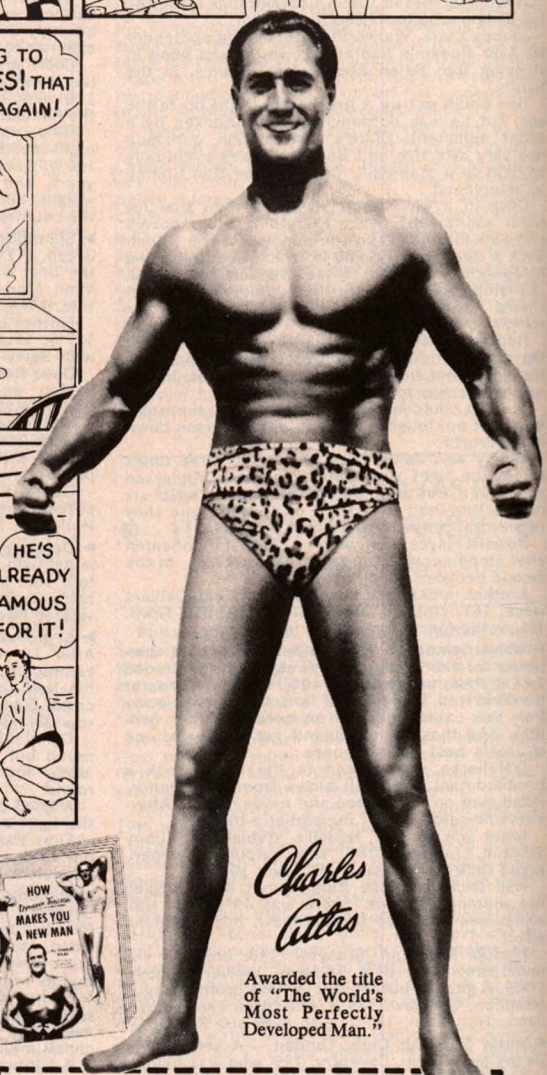

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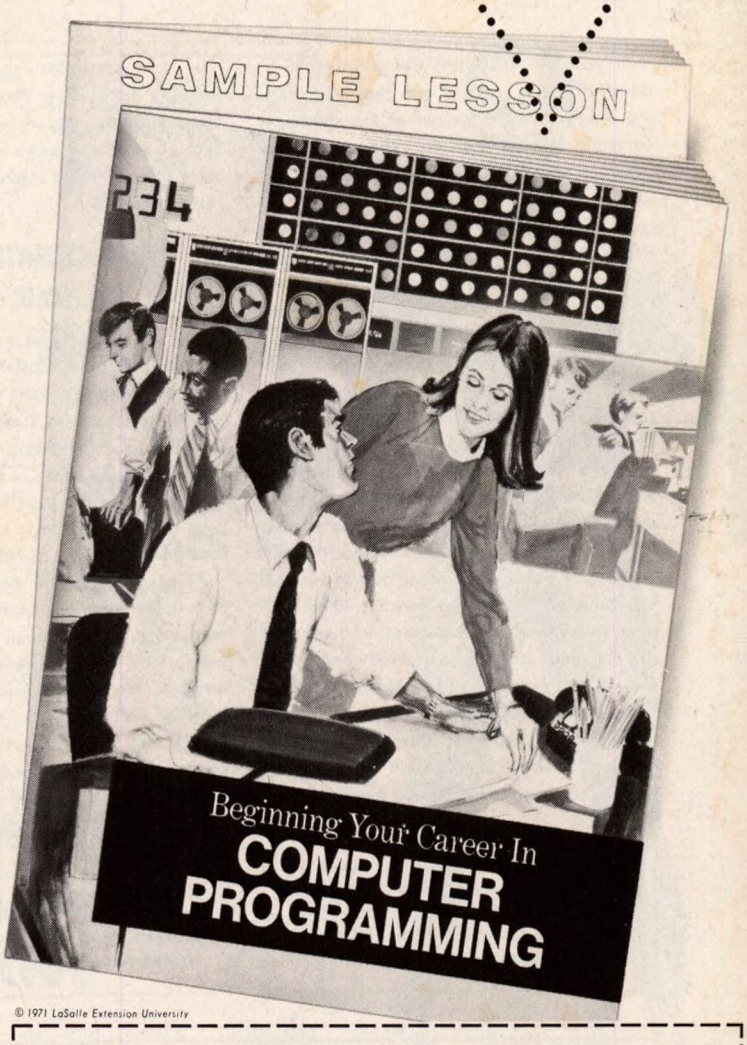

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